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WITH REGISTER FOR MEMBERSHIP, ELDERS, DEACONS, MINISTERS, ETC.

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Abbott, Lester. Jr.	Jan. 3. 37	C.B.	Boxford.
Mrs. E. M. Allen (Bessie Hurbutt). Gertrude	June 15, 1902	C.B. 280 Milford St.	Manchester, N. H.
~~Miss Florence Averill.~~	Feb 22, 1885	C.	North Andover.
~~Ayers, S. Arthur.~~	Mar. 4. 1894	C.	Boxford
Ayers, Mrs. Georgina, wife of S. Arthur Ayers.	Apr. 5, 1942	Letter from West Somerville, Mass. Cong. Church	Georgetown Rd., Boxford
Adams, Richard	Apr. 5. 1942	C.	Killam ~~Hill~~ Rd., E. Boxford
Adams, Dorothy	Apr. 9. 1944	C	Killam Rd., E. Boxford
~~Abbott. Mrs. Lester, Jr.~~	(Aug. ~~4~~ #4, 1946	Name propounded Aug. 4, 1946 but never rec'd into membership)	

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Death	Sept. 23, 1940.	A member of Church for 55 yrs. & for 25 yrs. Deac. & Trea. Sunday Sch
Death	July 25, 1942.	" " " " " 48 "

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Bond, Marguerite. (Mrs. F. H.)	Apr. 1. 23	C.	Boxford.
~~Bradford, Rev. Emery L. Emeritus~~ Pastor	Installed – (2nd).	from 1st Cong church.	Boxford.
	June 24. 1913	East Weymouth. Mass.	
~~Bradford, Mrs E. L. (Carrie Locke)~~		" " "	"
Brown, Miss Grace E.	Mar. 27. 1921	C. B. 170 Main St.	Haverhill.
Buck, Mrs Ada L.	Mar. 1. 1896	C. ~~18 Park~~ St.	Old Common Rd., ~~Danvers~~ Lancaster, Ma
Buck, Walter R.	May. 1. 1910	C. ~~10 W. Squantum~~ St. 9410 Colesville Rd.	~~Atlantic Mass.~~ Silver Spring, Maryland
Butterfield, Mrs Florence.	Mar. 31. 1918	C.	East Bixfield. Maine.
Buxton, Frederick Arthur.	Mar. 5. 191-	C. B.	Corpus Christi, [illegible]
Butler, Mrs. Ethel (Mortimer) wife of Howard Jr.	1929	C.	Georgetown Rd. Boxford,
Blaisdell, Corp. Ralph	Feb. 25, 1945	C Letter of recommendation from Chaplin Grover Gordon who baptized him in France Rec'd Purple Heart.	" c/o Cassimir Piotrowski R. F. D., Topsfield, Mass. ~~Somewhere in France in U. S. Service.~~

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		Beloved Pastor of this Church 1892-1902 & 1913-1925. Pastor Emeritus 1925-1941.
Death	Sept. 13, 1941.	Mrs. Bradford was the beloved wife of Rev. Emery L. Bradford, Pastor of this Church from 1892-1902 and again 1913-1925 and Pastor Emeritus from 1925-1941.
Death	Apr. 24, 1940.	Mrs. Bradford took particular interest in Women's Missionary Soc'y & other women's groups exerting an influence of the highest in the church and community.

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Calder, James William	1929	C.	Boxford.
~~Canterbury, Mrs. Lowell~~ (Ruth Bradford)	May 4. 1913	L.	(Birch Island Via Lake Port. N. H. summers) Columbia, S. C.
Crawford, Charles F.	Jan. 3. 1937	C.	Boxford.
Crawford, Mrs. Hattie E.	" 3 "	L.	Boxford.
Crawford, Frank.	" 3 "	C.	Boxford.
Cleveland, Miss Bessie.	Sept. 4. 1881.	C	29. Conant St. Danvers.
Crosby, James R.	July 3. 1921	C.	R. D. # 1 Box 118 - Lowell. #
Crosby, Mrs. Jas. R. (Bertha Towne.)	" 3 "	C. B. -	" Lowell.
Childs, Coralie	Apr. 5, 1942	C. Baptized by Rev. K. O. Eaton.	Elm St., Boxford.
~~Curtis, Thomas A.~~	Jan. 2, 1944.	Letter, Glendale Meth. Ch. Everett, Mass.	~~Depot Rd.~~, Toledo, O.
Cotton, Mrs. Mabel, wife Charles,	Apr. 21. '46.	" 1st. Cong., Wakefield	Elm St. Boxford
Cotton, Mrs. Charles	" " "	" " " "	" "
Carr, Mrs. Russell, (Bessie French),	Apr. 8, 1928	C. B.	

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Letter	Jan. 7, 1945	
Letter	Sept. 15, '46	Assistant Pastor and Minister of Music, at Washington Cong. Church, 2013 Lawrence Ave, Toledo, O.

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~~Eaton, Rev. Kenneth O.~~	May 12, 1940.	Letter from Bridgetown Bapt. Ch. Bridgetown, Nova Scotia.	Depot Rd., Bedford
~~Eaton, Evelyn B.,~~ wife of Kenneth O.	Apr. 5, 1942	Letter from First Bapt. Church Brandon, Manitoba	" " "
Edwards, Mrs. Mary, wife Charles.	Apr. 21, '46	L. Tremont Temple Bapt. Boston	Elm St., Bedford
Edwards, Charles	" " "	C. F.	Elm St. "

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Letter	~~Sept~~	Aug. 8th. 1943. Resigned to be Associate Pastor, Faith Cong. Church, Springfield, Mass. Married Freeline M. Bowen, July 1940. Sept. 1945. became Pastor Cong. Church, Pittsfield, N.Y.
Letter	Sept. 26, 1943.	

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~~French, Miss Bessie~~	Apr. 8. 1928	C.B.	Boxford.
~~French, Miss Gertrude F.~~	Sept. 3. 1893	C.	Boxford

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		Married Mr. Russell Carr, June 16. 1946
Death.	Jan. 20, 1942.	

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~~Gage, Frederick H.~~	Mar. 4. 1883.	C.	Atkinson Depot. N. H.
Gage, Herbert E.	July. 11. 1937	L. Wellesley Cong. - Winters,	130 Bonnell Av., North - St. Petersburg, Fla
Gamble, William H.	May 3. 1931.	L	East Boxford
Gamble, Mrs Wm. H.	1931.	C.	" "
Gamble, William H. T.	1935	C. Rec'd. Purple Heart in U.S. Service.	Lopsfield, Mass
~~Gamble, Raymond~~	Apr. 9. 1939.	C.	East Boxford
Gamble, Raymond	" 9 "	C.	" "
Gould, Everett P.	Apr. 1. 1934	C.	Boxford.
Gould, Frank M.	Mar. 6. 1904	C. B.	"
Gould, Mrs. Frank M. (Florence Brown)	" 6 "	C. B.	"
Gould, Frank Melvin Jr.	Apr. 20. 1930	C.	"
Gould, Mrs. F. M. Jr. (Muriel Winkler)	1935	C.	"
Gould, Evelyn F.	Apr. 1. 1934	C.	"
Gould, Ralph C.	Apr. 20. 1930	C.	"
Gould, George A.	Mar. 4. 1900	C. B.	"
Gould, Mrs. G. A. (Nettie H. Conant.)	" 4 1894.	C.	"
Gould, William E.	" 4. 1900	C. B.	59. Hillside Rd. Medford. Mass
Green, Mrs William, (Edith Howe).	May 5. 1889.	C.	52 Chestnut St Andover. Mass.
Gray, Mrs. James P. (Ruth L.)	Apr. 20. 1930	L.	Georgetown "
Greeley, Mrs. Louise N. (Mortimer) wife of Donald P.	Apr. 1. 1934	C.	
Gamble, Edith	Apr. 5, 1942	C.	Depot Rd., E. Boxford
Gamble, Ruth	Apr. 5, 1942	C.	" " " "
Godfrey, Warren	Sept. 16, 1945	L. So. Cong. Ch., Peabody, Mass.	Elm St., Boxford
Godfrey, Elsie (Armstrong)	" " "	" Maple St. Cong. Ch. Danvers.	" "

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Death	May 17, 1943	
		Married Priscilla A. Pace, 1942.
		Married Alerson E. Noyes, Dec. 1, 1940.

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Hardy, Frederick O.	Apr. 9. 1939.	C. B.	Boxford.
Hardy, Mrs. Frederick O. (Alice Cheney.)	" 9 "	C. B.	"
~~Harris, Nathaniel P.~~	Apr. 1. 1923	C. B.	c/o. W. T. Grant Co. New Orleans 1019. Canal St. Louisiana.
Harris, Elizabeth L.	" 1 "	C. B.	Danvers.
Herman, Mrs. Bernard. (Hazel Fuller).	June 19. 1936	L.	Boxford.
Herman, Geraldine L.	Apr. 1. 1934	C. B.	?
Hills, John Tenney	" 1. "	C. B.	Boxford.
~~Hoot, Mrs. Helen C. (Russell)~~.	Jan. 7. 1900	L.	"
Howe, Oliver M.	May. 6. 1894	C.	50. Chestnut St. Andover, Mass.
~~Howe Mrs. Wm. B. (Martha J. Gould).~~	July 4. 1858.	C.	Boxford.
Hurlbutt, Miss Alice M.	Sept. 3. 1893	C.	[illegible]
Hardy, David Allen	Apr. 13, 1941	C.	Middleton Rd., Boxford
Hitchcock, Mrs. Margaret G., wife of John.	July 6, 1941	L. Eliot Church, Newton, Mass.	Middleton Rd., Boxford
Hills, Mrs. Esther L., (Tenney) wife of Stanley B.	Apr. 25, 1943	L. Linebrook Cong. Ch., Ipswich, Mass.	" " "
Hills, Stanley B.	" " "	" " " " "	" " "
Hoogerzeil, Mrs. Helen P., wife of Norman P.	" " "	L. Dane St. Cong. Ch., Beverly, Mass.	Depot Rd., Boxford
Hoogerzeil, Norman P.	" " "	" " " " " "	" " "
Haynes, Mrs. Anna M. wife of Winthrop P.	Sept. 3, 1944	L. Old South Church in Boston. (originally joined 1st. Cong. Ch. Boxford) (on confession of faith)	Main St. Boxford, and N. Y. City.
~~Haynes, Lewis Rogerson~~	" " "	C.	Main St. Boxford & N. Y. City.
Harrington, Mrs. Barbara Millen, wife of	Apr. 9, 1939	C.	[illegible]

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Received into membership of 1st. M. E. Church, New Orleans, La. on personal statement of mem. in this church ~~Aug.~~ 1, 1941, & by church vote ~~Sept.~~ 14, 1941.	Sept. 14, ~~Aug. 1~~, 1941.	
Death	Jan. 9, 1944	
Death -	Dec. 12 1939.	Mrs. Wm. B. Howe (Martha Jane Gould) died in her 100th. year and in the 82d. year of continuous, loyal church membership. She was presented a white badge in 1938 in recognition of 80 yrs. membership, having joined in 1858 with large group under Rev. H. S. Coggin
Death	Sept. 17. 1946	

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Jenkins, Mrs. Melvin H. (Ethel Mortimer)	Jan. 5. 1918.	C. B. South Cross Rd.	Bradford, Mass.

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~~Killam, Mrs. Chester (Minnie Todd)~~	" 15 "	C. B.		" "
Killam, Dwight Lewis.	May 5. 1916	C. B.		" "
Killam, Mrs. Dwight L. (Dorothy Coley)	" 3. 1931	L.		" "
Killam, Miss Hazel.	Apr. 12. 1925	C.		" "
Killam, Horace N.	May 4. 1913	C. B.	Porter Rd.	Andover, Mass.
Killam, Mrs. Horace N. (Maude Dickow).	June 7. 1925	L.	" "	" "
Killam, John L.	May 4. 1913.	C. B.		~~Salem~~. N. H.
Killam, Paul L.	" 4 "	C. B.		East. Boxford.
~~Killam, J. Perley~~	Nov. 5. 1889	C.		" "
Killam, Mrs. J. Perley (Lillian N. ~~French~~)	Sept. 6 1885	C.		" "
~~Kelsey, Anna~~	Apr. 5. 1942	C. Baptized by Rev. K. W. Eaton.		Kelsey Rd., E. Boxford
Kendall, Mrs. Nancy Elinor, wife of Ellis Dale	" " "	L. First Meth. Ch. Eaton Rapids, Michigan.		Depot Rd. Boxford
Kendall, Ellis Dale	" " " " " " " "			" Rutland Sanitarium Rutland, Mass.
Kelsey, Anna	Sept. 16, 1945	L. Cong. Ch., Topsfield, Mass.		Bald Pate Rd., Boxford
Killam, Chester Horace	" " "	C.		Killam Rd., E. Boxford
Killam, Dwight Lewis, Jr.	" " "	C.		" " " "
Kelsey, Mrs. Ruth, wife Harlan P. Jr.	Apr. 21. '46	L. Lakeside Presby. Duluth, Minn.		Baldpate Rd. Boxford

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Death	Apr. 24, '45.	
Death	Apr. 14, 1945	A member of church 55 yrs., a Deacon 47 yrs. Treas. Special Church Funds many yrs, also Supt. S. S., an Parish Treas. many years.
Letter 4/16/'44 to Topsfield Cong. Church		

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Little, E. Robert.	Apr. 8. 1928.	C. B.	Boxford -
Little, Mrs. E. Rob. (Elizabeth O. Palmer)	" 8 "	C.	"
Lane, Mrs. Bertha P. (Wm. C.)	Mar. 2, 1941	Letter from Church of new Jerusalem, Cambridge, Mass.	Boxford.
Lane, Miss Margaret	Mar. 2, 1941	" " " "	"
Lord, Mr. Milton E.	Apr. 9, 1944	C. Episcopalian	Main St., Boxford
Lord, Mrs. Milton E. (Rosamond L.)	" " "	C. "	" " "
Lord, Peter	" " "	C.	" " "

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~~Mac Intire, Mrs. J. B. (Edith Mortimer)~~	Jan. 5. 1908.	C. B.	"
~~Mac Leod, Lauchlin C.~~	May. 3. 1931	L. North Head. Grand Manan.	New Brunswick, Canada.
Mac. Pherson, William E.	Jan 20. 1930	C.	East Boxford.
Mac. Pherson, Mrs. W. E. (Gladys M.)	" 20 "	L.	" "
Manny, Frank A.	Jan. 2. 1921.	L.	Boxford.
Manny, Mrs. Frank A. (Lucille Sawyer)	Nov. 1. 1885	C.	"
Mello, Mrs. Manuel, (Ethel B.)	Jan. 1. 1923	C. B.	East Boxford.
Moore, Mrs. Harry F. (Geraldine O. Berry)	" 2. 1925.	C.	Boxford.
Moore, Mrs. Horace. (Margaret M.)	May 3. 1931.	L.	"
Mortimer, Mrs. Edward K. (Martha S.)	Jan. 7. 1906.	L.	"
~~Mortimer, Ethel. (Mrs. Howard Butler)~~	1929	C.	"
~~Mortimer, Louise W. (Mrs. Donald Gurley)~~	Apr. 1. 1934	C.	"
Mortimer, Martha.	June. 19. 1936	C.	"
~~Millen, Barbara~~	Apr. 9. 1939	C.	"
Mellow, Margaret Lillian	Apr. 13. 1941	C.	Killam Rd., East Boxford
Millen, Edward, Jr.	Apr. 5. 1942	C.	Georgetown Rd., Boxford
Merrow, Westcott B. Jr.	Apr. 9. 1944	C.	Topsfield Rd., Boxford
Meeker, Norman W.	Sept. 16. 1945	L. College Ave. Meth. Ch., Somerville, Mass.	Main St., Boxford
Meeker, Mrs. Mary (Mrs. Norman)	" " "	" " " " " "	" " "
Millen, Janet	" " "	C. B.	Georgetown Rd., Boxford
Millen, Richard	" " "	C. B.	" " "
Merrow, Mrs. Margaret M. (wife Westcott B.)	Apr. 21. '46	L. Trinity Meth. Cambridge, Mass.	Topsfield Rd. "
Merrow, Westcott ~~M.~~ B.	" "	L. Old Bapt. church, Cambridge, Mass.	" " "

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Death, Dec. 1944		
Death, Dec. 11, 1941		
Letter	Jan. 7, 1944	
		Married to Howard Butler, May 15, 1937.
		Married to Donald P. Greeley, June 20, 1941.

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Noyes, Mrs. Frank S. (Annie)	Mar. 5. 1916.	C.B.	34 Prospect St.	Peabody Mass.
Noyes, Miss Ethel M.	" 5. "	C.B.	"	" "
Noyes, John.	May 3. 1931	C.B.		Boxford.
Noyes, Mrs John. (Lucretia)	" 3 "	C.B.		"
Noyes, Alerson E.	Apr. 1. 1934	C.B.		"
Noyes, Mrs. Catherine (Gamble), wife of Alerson E.	Apr. 9. 1939	C.		Boxford ~~East Boxford~~.

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		Married Catherine [illegible], Dec. 1, 1940.

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Parker, Mrs Benjamin E. (Esther S. Mortimer)	Apr. 12. 1925.	C.	37 North Main St.	Natick. Mass.
Parkhurst, Miss Amy G.	Jan. 5. 1918.	C.		Boxford -
~~Parkhurst, George B.~~	May 6. 1894	C.		"
~~Parkhurst, Mrs. George B.~~ (Edith Holt.)	Jan. 7. 1900	L.		"
Parkhurst, Miss Laurinda	May. 2 1920	C. B.		"
Parkhurst, John William.	Sept. 2. 1877	C		"
Parkhurst, Mrs John William (Gertrude Chadwick)	May. 6. 1894.	L		"
Parkhurst, Robert B.	May. 1. 1910	C. B.		East. Boxford.
Parkhurst, Mrs Robert B. (Lucy J. Killam)	Jan. 6. 1907	C.		" "
Parkhurst, Miss Winnifred C.	Mar. 6. 1904	C		Boxford.
Parkhurst, Miss Rebecca L.	Apr. 12 1925.	C.		~~Norwalk General Hospital~~ ~~Norwalk. Conn.~~
Parkhurst, Miss Ruth E.	" 12 "	C.		E. Boxford -
Parkhurst, Robert Perley.	Apr. 9. 1939	C.		East. Boxford.
Paul, Charles Walter	May. 5. 1889	C.		North Andover.
~~Peabody, Miss Lucie A.~~	May. 1. 1898	L.		~~East. Boxford~~
Peabody, Archie, Jr.	Apr. 20, 1930.	C. B.		Boxford, Naval Reserve [illegible]
Peabody, Miss Dorris.	1929	C. B.	[illegible]	[illegible]
~~Perley, Mrs. E. Grace. (Eliza Kors)~~	Jan. 6. 1878.	C.		East. Boxford.
Perley, Miss Esther K.	1929.	C. B.		" "
Perley, Miss Grace.	Mar. 6. 1904.	C. B.		" " Maynard, Mass
~~Perley, Mrs. Henry. (Abbie C.)~~	1929	C. B.		" " Boxford
Phillips, Mrs Claude. (Eva B.)	Mar. 6. 1904	C. B.	17 Savoy Rd.	Salem. Mass
Parkhurst, Ada M.	Apr. 5. 1942	C.		Ipswich Rd., E. Boxford

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Death	Jan. 22, 1947	
Death	Dec. 18, 1944.	
Death	Apr. 18, 1940	Miss Peabody was the daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Albert B. Peabody and for many years took active part in Church work, particularly Woman's Missionary Society, and at time of her death was Church delegate to Cong. Conferences.
Death	Dec. 26, 1939.	For many years, Miss Elza Horne before her marriage to Mr. Perley, was a faithful teacher in Sunday School; then she moved away until a few years before her death, but retained her membership in this church.
Death	Feb. 21, '44.	An active member of the ~~Ladies Missionary~~ Society for many years.

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Rabbs, Fred.	May 5. 1889	C.	North Andover.
~~Read, Charles C.~~	July 1. 1917	C.B. Marmion Way.	Rockport. Mass.
Read, Mrs. Chas C. (Annie Hubbatt)	Sept. 3. 1893	C. " "	" "
Riggs, Miss Alice Emma,	Mar. 27. 1921	C.B.	Boxford
Richardson, Leo.	Apr. 12. 1925	C.	"
Richardson, Mrs Leo. (Eleanor Peabody)	Apr. 1. 1934	L.	"
Roberts, Franklin Campbell.	1932	L. See letter on file.	"
Roberts, Mrs Franklin Campbell (Beatrice)	1932	L " "	"
Roberts, Franklin Campbell Jr.	1932	C. " "	"
Rogers, Mrs. Beatrice, wife John S.	Apr. 21. 1946	C.	Topsfield Rd., Boxford.
Rogers, John S.	" " "	L. 1st. Unitarian, Salem.	" " "
Roberts, Mrs. Alice M. wife Franklin C. Jr.	Apr. 21. "	L. Mystic Side Cong. Everett	"

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Death, April 1941.	1941	
		Married Alice Moulton, Jan. 1, 1942.

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Sanders, Mrs. Mary Ann	Apr. 23. 1936 L.		Boxford.
~~Sheldon, Mrs. Joe (Mary Cheney).~~	Jan 1902 C.B.		"
~~Sheldon, Mrs. Elizabeth.~~	Apr. 12. 1925. C.B.		"
Small, Mrs. Edward E. (Anna Buck)	May 4. 1913. C.	15 Portland St.	Yarmouth, Maine.
Stewart, Richard L.	Apr 1. 1939. C.B.		East Boxford.
~~Swann, Mrs. Wm. L. (Ella)~~	Mar. 27. 1921 C.B.	Pawling, N.Y.	~~Boxford~~ 57 Gates Ave. Brooklyn, N.Y.
~~Thompson, Mrs. Morris M. (Dr. Sidwell)~~	~~Nov. 7, 1937 L.~~		"
~~Thrasher, Mrs. Emily Francis.~~	~~Nov. 1, 1936 C.B.~~		"
~~Titus, Gerald.~~	~~Jan 3. 1937 C.B.~~		"
~~Tidds, Lawrence B.~~	~~May 5. 1897. C.~~		Georgetown, Mass.
Savage, Nancy	Apr. 5, 1942 L.	Auburndale Cong. Ch. Auburndale, Mass.	Endicott Road. Boxford, Mass.

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By written request 4/24/'43 " Church vote granting request.	July 11, 1943.	See letter on file
" " " "	" " "	" " " "
Letter	Mar. 22, 1942	Clinton Ave. Community Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Death	Feb. 19, 1940.	
		Married.

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Thompson, Mrs. Doris M. (Sidwell) (Mrs. Harry)	Nov. 7, 1937	Letter	Main St., Bedford.
~~Thrasher, Mrs. Emily Frances~~	Nov. 1, 1936	Baptized by Rev. R. E. Wolfe	Depot Rd., Bedford
Titus, Gerald	Jan. 3, 1937	C. " " " " " "	Topsfield Rd. "
~~Tidde, Lawrence B.~~	May 5, 1889	C.	Georgetown, Mass.
Trull, Mr. Archibald L.	Aug. 11, 1946	L. from Tabernacle Cong. Ch. Salem, Mass.	Georgetown Rd., Bedford, Mass.
Trull, Mrs. Archibald L.	" 11, "	C.F. Episcopal Church	" "

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Von Kamecke, Henry.	Apr. 20, 1930	C.	~~245 Maple St.~~, E. Bolford, ~~Dawes~~. Mass
Von Kamecke, Mrs. Henry	" 20 "	L.	" " "

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Walsh, William R.	Apr. 20, 1930	C.B.	Boxford.
Walsh, Mrs. Wm R. (Ella Gilks)	" 20 "	C.B.	"
Walsh, Natalie.	Apr. 9. 1939	C.	"
Waters, Mrs. Albert C. (Marion S.)	Apr. 8 1928	L.	"
Waters, Albert C. Jr.	Apr. 20, 1930	C.	"
Waters, David S.	Apr. 1. 1934	C.	"
Waters, Mrs. Virginia B., wife of Albert C. Jr.	July 6, 1941	L. First Bapt. Church. Wollaston. Mass.	Main St., Boxford.
Walsh, Joan	Apr. 5, 1942	C.	Main St., Boxford
~~Wolfe, Dr. Rolland Emerson~~	Jan. 8. 1936	L.	Boxford.
~~Wolfe, Mrs. R E. (Esther)~~	1936	C.	"
Waters, Mary Lou	Apr. 9, 1944	C.	Main St., Boxford
Waters, Sally Ann	Apr. 9, 1944	C.	" " "
Walsh, William R. Jr.	Sept. 16, 1945	C.	" " "
Waters, Mrs. Dorothy, wife David S.	Apr. 21, 1946	C.	" "
Walsh, Marjorie	Aug. 11, 1946	C.	" " "

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Letter	Dec. 18 1939.	First Cong Church. Wakefield. Mass.
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REGISTER OF CLERKS.

Name.	Date of Election.	Dates in Case of Re-election.	Date of Leaving Office.
Robert B. Parkhurst.	Jan. 16, 1934		Jan. 26, 1940
Winnifrid C. Parkhurst	Jan. 26, 1940.		

REGISTER OF ELDERS.

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REGISTER OF DEACONS.

Name.	Date of Appointment.	Date of Leaving Office.
J. William Parkhurst	for 5 years. May 22, 1895, 1900, 1905, 1912, 1917, 1923, ~~1926~~, 1930, 1935, 1940, 1945,	
~~J. Perley Killam~~	Jan. 15. 1935. for 5 years. Jan. 19. 1945 for 5 yrs. Jan. 26, 1940 for 5 yrs. March 14, 1898, 1903, 1909, 1915, 1920, 1926, 1931, for 5 years	
R. B. Parkhurst.	Jan 14. 1936 - Jan. 28. 1941	Died April 14. 1945.
	Jan 15. 1935. " 5 years. Jan. 26. 1940 " 5 yrs. Jan. 19. 1945 " 5 yrs.	
Paul L. Killam	Jan. 23. 1946 for 5 yrs.	

Register of Junior Deacons.

Robert Perley Parkhurst	for 2 years. Jan. 26, 1943. Jan. 19. 1945	
David S. Waters	Jan. 23, 1946 for 2 yrs.	

Register of Deaconesses

~~Mrs. S. Arthur Ayers (Georgina)~~	for 2 years. Jan. 26, 1943. for 2 yrs.	Resigned Jan. 16. 1945.
~~Mrs. Franklin C. Roberts (Estin)~~	Jan. 26, 1943.	Resigned Jan. 18, 1944.
~~Mrs. Norman Hoogergeil~~	Jan. 28, 1944. for 1 yr.	Jan. 19, 1945.
Mrs. Harry F. Moore	Jan. 19, 1945 for 2 yrs.	
Mrs. Franklin C. Roberts, Sr.	Jan. 19, 1945 " " "	

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REGISTER OF MINISTERS.

Name.	Date Ministry Begins.	Place of Former Ministry.	Date Ministry Closes.
Rolland Emerson Wolfe	Oct. 25, 1929		Sept. 17, 1939.
Eaton, Kenneth Oxner	May 31, 1940 (Supply 11/14/39-5/31/40)	Ordained & Installed May 31, 1940.	Aug. 8, 1943.
Curtis, Thomas	Jan. 1, 1944 (Supply)	Ordained June 30, 1946	Aug. 11, 1946.

REGISTER OF MINISTERS.

Succeeding Place of Ministry.	Memoranda.
To teach.	Old Testament Dept. Crane Theological School, Tufts College
Associate Pastor, Faith Cong. Church, Springfield, Mass.	With Rev. Dwight L. Cart, Pastor.
Asst Pastor & Minister Music, Wash. Cong. Church, Toledo, Ohio	1945 became Pastor Cong. Church, Middletown, N.Y.

RECORD OF BAPTISMS.

Name.	Date of Birth.	Date of Baptism.	By Whom Baptized.	Place of Membership.
		1938.		
Anne Priscilla Hardy	Jan. 10, 1938	June 26	Rev. P. E. Wolfe.	Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Hardy (Alice Chase)
James Monroe Butler	Jan. 31, 1938	" "	" "	Son of Mr. & Mrs. Howard Butler, Jr. (Ethel Mortimer)
Judith Currier.	Feb. 12, 1938	" "	" "	Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. (Dorothea Benjamin Currier.
Marjorie Vivian Killam.	Feb. 10, 1937	" "	" "	Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Killam (Edith Clothey)
Benjamin Eugene Parker.		" "	" "	Son of Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin E. Parker (Esther Montana)
Helen Louise Collins		Nov. 27.	" "	
Anne - Lord.	Apr. 20 1938	Sept. 11 - 1938 1939.	Rev. E. L. Bradford.	Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Milton Lord (Rosamond [illegible])
Gould, Margorie Evelyn.	Jan. 23, 1939	June 25.	" P. E. Wolfe.	Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Gould (Muriel [illegible])
Thompson, Jane Meriwether	Jan. 25, 1940	Oct. 12, 1940	Rev. Kenneth O. Eaton	Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Henry [illegible] Thompson (Dr. Doris Sidwell)
Simpson, Richard Lyman	Aug. 22, 1939.	Nov. 3, 1940	Rev. Emery L. Bradford.	Son of Dr. Howard N. and Caroline R. (Lyman) Simpson of Woburn, Mass.
French, Judith Carol	Oct. ~~24~~ 27, 1940.	June 22, 1941.	Rev. Kenneth O. Eaton	Daughter of Archer N. & Estelle M. (Knuchel) French
Keefe, Mary		July 6, 1941	Rev. Kenneth O. Eaton	Daughter of H. Lloyd and Mary (Butler) Keefe
Childs, Coralie	———	Apr. 5, 1942	Rev. Kenneth O. Eaton	Daughter of Vernon R. and Edith (Clark) Childs
Kelsey, Anne		Apr. 5, 1942	Rev. Kenneth O. Eaton	Daughter of Harlan R. Kelsey, Jr. and Ruth [illegible]
Owen, Priscilla Joan		June 21, 1942	" " " "	Daughter of Arden and Nancy (Lockwood) Owen
Butler, Guy Woodman	July 21, 1941.	" " "	" " " "	Son of Howard F. and Ethel J. (Mortimer) Butler
Dodge, Randolph Bradstreet, Jr.	~~Aug. 30~~, 1942	Aug. 30, 1942.	Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill	Son of Randolph B. Dodge & Muriel (McGrain) Dodge
Lord, Sarah Peabody	Aug. 16. 1941	Oct. 11, 1942.	Rev. Kenneth O. Eaton	Daughter of Milton Edward Lord & Rosamond (Lane) Lord
Waters, Karen Radford	Aug. 3, 1942	Oct. 25, 1942.	Rev. Kenneth O. Eaton	Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Albert Waters, Jr. (Virginia R. Bullock)
Kendall, Ellis Dale, Jr.	Nov. 21, 1942	Apr. 25, 1943	" " " "	Son of Ellis Dale and [illegible] Kendall
Bain, Mary Louise	Apr. 2, 1941	June 20, 1943	" " " "	Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Alexander R. Bain and Louise (Drever) Bain
Eaton, David Ross.	May 23, 1943	" " "	" " " "	Son of Rev. & Mrs. Kenneth Osmer Eaton. (Evelyne Bowen)
Hitchcock, Charlotte Upton	Aug. 15, 1942,	" " "	" " " "	Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Hitchcock (Margaret [illegible])
Noyes, Priscilla Jane	Dec. 14, 1942.	" " "	" " " "	Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Alerton Elmer Noyes (Katherine Irene Lamb)
Owen, Judith Nancy	Apr. 18, 1942,	" " "	" " " "	Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Arden Eli Owen (Nancy Lockwood)
Roberts, Nancy Lord	May 1943,	" " "	" " " "	Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Franklin C. Roberts (Alice Gertrude Moulton)
Butler, Frances	Feb. 1944	June 11, 1944	Rev. Thomas Curtis	Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Howard Butler (Ethel J. Mortimer)
Edwards, Sandra Lee	1943	" " "	" " "	Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. [illegible] Edwards. (Mary [illegible])

RECORD OF BAPTISMS.

Name.	Date of Birth.	Date of Baptism.	By Whom Baptized.	Place of Membership.
Marshall, Norman ~~Mac~~ Mac Kinnon Jr.	June 19, 1943	June 11, 1944.	Rev. Thomas Curtis	Son of Mr. & Mrs. Norman M. Marshall
Hooker, Alice Constance	~~July 22,~~ Nov. 20, 1941	July 22, 1944	" " "	Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William P. Hooker (Elizabeth A. Paul)
Hooker, William Paul	June 29, 1944.	" " "	" " "	Son of Mr. & Mrs. William P. Hooker (Elizabeth A. Paul)
Gould, Pamela Ellen	June 11, 1944	Aug. 13, 1944.	" " "	Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Melvin Gould (Muriel Winkler)
Gillis, Ellen McCracken		June 10, 1945.	" " "	~~Daughter~~ Son of Mr. & Mrs. Harold E. Gillis (Marian Greene)
Meeker, William Charles	Mar. 17, 1945.	" " "	" " "	Son of Mr. & Mrs. Norman H. Meeker (Mary Rice)
Noyes, John William	May 30, 1944	" " "	" " "	Son of Mr. & Mrs. Alexson E. Noyes (Katherine J. Gamble)
Roberts, Anne Dunleigh	May 20, 1945	" " "	" " "	Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Franklin C. Roberts, Jr. (Alice Moulton)
Millen, Janet	~~Mar. 15, 1944~~	Sept. 16, 1945.	" " "	Daughter of Mr. Edward R. Millen & (Gladys Ayers) Millen
Millen, Richard	Nov. 27, 1938.	" " "	" " "	Son of Mr. Edward R. Millen & (Gladys Ayers) Millen
Hoogerzeil, Robert Preble	Feb. 10.	Feb. 10, 1946	" " "	Son of Mr. & Mrs. Norman J. Hoogerzeil (Helen Preble)
Nelson, Susan Jean.		May 5, '46.	" " "	Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Nelson (Jean
Cross, Peter Nevell	Sept. 11, '45	June 9, '46.	" " "	Son of Chester E. & Shirley (Gale) Cross.
Cranford, Sandra Lee	Oct. 1, '45	" " "	" " "	Daughter of Frank G. and June Ellen (Gurley) Cranford.
Eaton, Susan Helen	May 6, '45	" " "	" " "	Daughter of Forrest G. and Charlotte (French) Eaton.
Gray, Janice	Sept. 4, '45	" " "	" " "	Daughter of Norman and Alice (Gould) Gray.
Curtis, Susan Dunseith	Sept. 6, '45	July 7, 1946	Rev. Edwin P. Booth	Daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Thomas Curtis (Louise Whitmore Smith)

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RECORD OF MARRIAGES.

Man's Name.	Man's Residence.	Woman's Name.	Woman's Residence.
Eaton, Rev. Kenneth W.	Bofford, Mass.	Bowen, Eveline M.	Brandon, Manitoba Canada
Noyes, Alerson E.	" "	Gamble, Catherine	East Bofford, Mass
Waters, Albert C. Jr.	" "	Bullock, Virginia Radford	Wollaston, Mass
Greeley, Donald Paul	Hamilton, Mass.	Mortimer, Louise Woodman	Bofford, Mass
Roberts, Franklin C., Jr.	Bofford, Mass.	Moulton, Alice	Malden, Mass
Gamble, William T.	" "	Priscilla Ann Pace	Topsfield, Mass
Curtis, Rev. Thomas	Boston, Mass + Bofford, Mass.	Louise Whitmore Smith	Boston, Mass
Waters, David	Bofford, Mass.		

RECORD OF MARRIAGES.

By Whom Married.	When Married.	Name of Witnesses.
Rev. Ralph Easter.	July 1940.	
Rev. Kenneth O. Eaton	Dec. 1, 1940.	
Rev. Isaac Higginbotham	May 3, 1941.	
	June 20, 1941.	
Rev. Chas. M. Crooker	Jan. 1, 1942	Wedding, 1st. Cong. Church, Boxford, Mass
	1942	
Rev. Ralph W. Decker	June 25, 1944.	Wedding - 1st. Cong. Church, Boxford, Mass
	Dec. 26, 1945.	

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RECORD OF DEATHS.

Name.	Date of Death.	Place of Death.	Place of Burial.
Howe, Mrs. Wm. B. (Martha Jane Gould)	Dec. 12, 1939	Boxford, Mass.	Village Cem't'y
Perley, Mrs. E. Horace (Eliza Howe)	Dec. 26, 1939	East Boxford, Mass.	Topsfield "
Peabody, Miss Lucie A.	Apr. 18, 1940	Georgetown, Mass.	Harmony Cem't'y
Bradford, Mrs. Emery L. (Carrie Locke)	Apr. 24, 1940	Boxford, Mass.	Village Cem't'y
Averill, Miss Florence	Sept. 23, 1940	Danvers, Mass.	Averill Cem't'y, No. Andover, Mass
Thrasher, Mrs. Emily Frances	Feb. 19, 1940	Boxford, Mass.	Village Cemetery
Tidd, Lawrence B.	Jan. 1941	Georgetown, Mass.	
Read, Charles C.	April 1941	?	?
Bradford, Rev. Emery L.	Sept. 13, 1941	Boxford, Mass.	Village Cemetery
Matthews, Mrs. Joseph B. (Edith M. Mortimer)	Dec. 11, 1941	Boxford, Mass.	Village Cemetery
French, Gertrude H.	Jan. 20, 1942	Danvers, Mass.	
Ayers, S. Arthur	July 25, 1942	Boxford, Mass.	
Page, Alice M.	May 17, 1943	Boston, Mass.	Village Cemetery
Perley, Mrs. Abbie N. C. (Henry)	Feb. 21, 1944	Boxford, Mass.	Harmony Cemetery
Bolt, Mrs. Helen C. (Russell)	Jan. 7, 1944	Bradford, Mass.	Village Cemetery
Matthews, Mr. Joseph B.	Dec. 1944		Village Cemetery
Parkhurst, Mrs. Edith H. (Geo. B.)	Dec. 18, 1944	Boxford, Mass.	" "
Gillam, Dea. Thomas Perley	Apr. 14, 1945	East Boxford, Mass.	On own farm
Gillam, Mrs. Minnie (Tidd) (Chester)	Apr. 24, 1945	" " "	Harmony Cemetery

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MEETINGS OF CHURCH ~~OFFICERS~~.

Resignation of Dr. Rolland Emerson Wolfe.

Boxford, Mass.
September 10, 1939.

To the First Congregational Church,
Boxford, Mass.

Ten years ago Mrs. Wolfe and myself had the opportunity of coming as your ministers. The years which we have lived among you have been the most pleasant we have spent anywhere and shall always be fondly remembered.

For the past few years I have been urged to drop my work here and give more time to teaching. But our love for Boxford has kept us here until the present moment. Now however, after ten years of service among you, the time seems ripe for another to resume the work which we have attempted to carry on here.

I hope to devote all effort to teaching, lecturing, and writing. Consequently I am asking you to release me from the pastoral relationship.

I hope this resignation may be accepted and that next Sunday we may have our final service and communion together.

This request is made with deep appreciation of the pleasant years which you have given to us and the many things which you have done for us in the years we have been among you. We also express our hopes that this church will find wise leadership and a place of increasing community usefulness in the years which lie ahead.

(See Pg. 237 for church action) Sept. 10, 1939.

A true copy, attest: Winnifred C. Parkhurst
Church Clerk.

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Resolutions Adopted.

Whereas, Doctor Rolland Emerson Wolfe, after being Pastor and Spiritual Leader of the First Congregational Church of Bedford, Massachusetts for a period of ten years, is to leave this community to give himself more fully to his work of writing and college teaching be it

Resolved: that we, his parishoners do hereby express our thanks and appreciation of his services as Pastor and Spiritual Leader of our Church. We have found him faithful not only in the larger and required duties of a Christian Pastorate and Ministry but in the continuous response to many forms of need frequently not heralded, that are a part of a rural church's real mission. To those sick in mind, body, or soul, he always extended his generous hand of fellowship and assistance in a quiet and genuine manner.

Be it resolved: that we state our appreciation to Mr. Wolfe for what he has done in stimulating interest in the study of the works of nature. He has revealed to the people of our community the beauty and the evidence of the divine order in the many manifestations of nature that surround us.

Be it resolved: that we include Mrs. Wolfe within the scope of these resolutions for we most sincerely feel that she has been

in a very large measure the stimulus and the support of much of Reverend Mr. Wolfe's efforts and work. She has been a very considerable factor in the success of the women's organizations connected with this church, always generously contributing her time, strength, and talent.

Be it resolved; therefore, that we extend to the Reverend and Mrs. Wolfe and family our sincerest Christian wishes for their progress and success in their new field of endeavor and with the conviction that the ties of deep regard which unite us now will not be broken we bid them God-speed.

Annette Sawyer Manny
Franklin C. Roberts
Committee on Resolutions.

A true copy.
Attest: Winnifred C. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk.

(See page 238 for adoption by church)
Sept. 17, 1939.

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MEETINGS OF CHURCH ~~OFFICERS~~.

Call to Mr. Kenneth O. Eaton.

Mr. Kenneth O. Eaton,
The Andover Newton Theological School.
210 Institution Ave.,
Newton Center, Mass.

Dear Mr. Eaton :-

At a meeting of the Parish held last evening, there was a unanimous vote to concur with the Church in extending to you a call to become Pastor of the First Congregational Church of Bolford, Mass.

It was voted to pay you $1250.00 per year when you were installed as Pastor, and to continue at $15.00 per week as you were able to fill in until June.

The matter of vacation was overlooked, being taken for granted, - has been three weeks in the past. This may be taken up at the next meeting.

Someone will be looking for you on Sunday, Dec. 10th. at Beverly, usual time.

Sincerely,
Robert B. Parkhurst,
Clerk of Church.

Bolford, Mass.,
Dec. 6, 1939.

A true copy.
Attest: Virginia C. Parkhurst

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Mr. Kenneth O. Eaton's Acceptance.

Andover Newton Theological School
Newton Center, Massachusetts,
December 16, 1939

Mr. Robert B. Parkhurst,
Clerk of East Bedford Congregational Church,
Bedford, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

Let me thank you for your letter of December 6th, extending to me, on behalf of the Church and Parish, the call to be your pastor.

It was indeed gratifying to receive an invitation to the pastorate of such a splendid church. During the time of my supply work with you I have become quite attached to the congregation. Please convey to the members of the board of deacons and to the Church the feelings of deep joy and gratitude which accompany my acceptance of their invitation.

I shall plan to continue my Sunday work with you on our present basis until June, when I shall come before the Church for ordination, after which I shall settle with you as full-time pastor. The arrangements with reference to salary are entirely satisfactory and any further details regarding pastoral duties can be readily worked out.

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Eagerly anticipating your continued work together in the service of Christ, I am

Cordially yours,

Kenneth O. Eaton.

(See page 238) A true copy.

Attest:

Winnifrid C. Parkhurst.

Church Clerk.

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Minutes Annual Meeting
Jan. 26, 1940.

The Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Church was held in Vestry, Fri. evening, Jan. 26, 1940 preceded by a supper at 6:30 o'clock served by Mrs. Robert Parkhurst, Mrs. Harry Moore, Mrs. Edward K. Mortimer, Mrs. Wm. MacPherson.

Mr. Paul Killam, Moderator, and Pastor Incumbent Rev. Emery L. Bradford offered prayer.

Minutes of the last Church meeting and intervening business were read by the Clerk, Dea. Robert B. Parkhurst and approved.

Officers and Committee elected ~~as follows~~ by printed ballots were as follows:-

Clerk	Miss Winnifrid C. Parkhurst
Treasurer	Mr. Paul L. Killam
Auditor	Mr. George B. Parkhurst
Decorating Committee	Miss Pauline Ayers Mrs. F. C. Roberts Mr. Dwight Killam
Committee for Visiting the Sick	Mrs. E. Robert Little Mrs. Harry Moore Mr. Arthur Ayers
Committee for Ordination and Installation of Pastor Elect, Mr. Kenneth O. Eaton	Prof. F. C. Roberts Mr. Herbert Gage Mrs. R. B. Parkhurst
Deacons for Term Five Years	Dea. John W. Parkhurst Dea. Robert B. Parkhurst
Annual Delegate to Meetings of Essex South Association	Miss Lucie A. Peabody

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Voted to confirm the election by the Church School of Mrs. Stanley B. Hills as Superintendent for the coming year.

Voted to assume all expenses of the Church School during 1940.

Reports of the following Officers and Committees were accepted and placed on file.

Caroline E. Peabody Fund,	Dea. T. P. Killam, Treas.
Mary Ann Peabody Library Fund,	" " " " "
Sarah P. Perley Fund.	" " " " "
Parsonage Repair Fund.	" " " " "
Howe Music Fund	" " " " "
Church Clock Repair Fund	" " " " "
Decorating Committee	Miss Pauline Ayers, Ch.
Visiting Committee	Mrs. Albert C. Waters, Ch.
Delegate to Essex So. Ass'n. Meetings.	Miss Lucie A. Peabody
Superintendent Church School.	Mrs. Stanley B. Hills
Treasurer, Secretary, & Librarian of Church School	Mrs. Robert B. Parkhurst.
Secretary, Ladies Benevolent Soc'y	" " " "
Treasurer, " " "	Mrs. George B. Parkhurst
Treasurer, Missionary Society	Mrs. Frederick H. Bond
Church Attendance	Mr. John Hills

Voted that in the future the Church send vote of thanks to Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill for so generously giving his free Sunday of the year to preaching in our church each summer.

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Voted that the Amendment to the By Law re Nomination be changed so that the clause "Where one officer is to be elected two nominations shall be made, in other cases, one more than the number to be elected shall be nominated" be eliminated. Then to read ;- "It shall be the duty of the Pastor, in due time before each annual meeting to appoint a nominating Committee of three members, who shall nominate candidates for office. This ballot shall be in printed form with blank spaces for the writing in of additional names. These ballots shall be available before the Annual Meeting".

Voted that some of the Mary Ann Peabody Fund be used to send girls to Summer School.

Voted to have Committee of three, conferring with Deacons, study the Church Manual and report findings and opinions regarding its revision. Committee - Prof. Franklin C. Roberts, Rev. E. L. Bradford, and Mr. Kenneth O. Eaton.

Voted that the Church Clerk send out notices of the Annual Meeting and endeavor to keep in touch with all members.

Voted to authorize Dea. J. P. Killam to procure glass case, lock and key for the Vestry clock, and have it and the Chapel clock kept in running order.

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Voted to send Mrs. Helen Holt a letter of remembrance since she is the oldest church member

Voted to sponsor the Boy Scouts the coming year.

The Pastor Elect, Mr. Kenneth O. Eaton was called upon. Among other things, he wished that we who are church members might build a Christian family under the guidance of God and extend his Kingdom into the life of the community as a whole

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

Winnifrid C. Parkhurst.
Church Clerk.

At a Parish Meeting March 18th. the following were elected to serve with Church committee on Ordination and Installation; Dea. T. P. Killam, Mrs. Albert C. Waters and Miss Winnifrid C. Parkhurst, making complete committee

From Church –
Prof. Franklin C. Roberts
Mr. Herbert Gage
Mrs. Robert B. Parkhurst

From Parish – Dea. T. Perley Killam
Mrs. Albert C. Waters
Miss Winnifrid C. Parkhurst

} Committee on Ordination & Installation
Mr. Kenneth O. Eaton.

Winnifrid C. Parkhurst
Church Clerk.

MEETINGS OF CHURCH ~~OFFICERS~~.

At the Sunday morning service May 12, 1940, a letter was read from the Bridgetown Baptist Church, Bridgetown, Nova Scotia, recommending Mr. Kenneth O. Eaton to the Christian fellowship of this church.

Voted that rules regarding holding over letter one week be suspended.

Mr. Kenneth O. Eaton received into the membership of the church, and Prof. Franklin C. Roberts extended the right hand of fellowship.

Dea. T. Perley Killam and Mr. Robert B. Parkhurst chosen delegates to attend Spring meeting of the Essex South Association at First Congregational Church, Swampscott, Mass. Sunday afternoon & evening, May 12, 1940.

Winnifred C. Parkhurst.
Church Clerk.

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Call to Ecclesiastical Council for Mr. Kenneth O. Eaton.

The Essex South Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers to the — Church in —.

Greeting:

Whereas the 1st Cong'l Church in Bedford has called Mr. Kenneth Eaton as its Pastor and the Church has requested that an Associational Council be called for the purpose of ordination and installation and the Executive Committee has approved the request, you are invited to be represented by pastor and delegate at such a Council, hereby called to meet on Friday the 17th day of May, 1940, at 3 o'clock, in the place of worship of the above named church, which shall review the proceedings make necessary examinations, and take such further steps as shall be deemed advisable.

Wishing you grace, mercy, and peace, on behalf of the churches of the Association.

Frederick C. Wilson,
Scribe.

May 13, 1940.

The church has invited the following to be corresponding members:

Rev. Ralph M. Trimbelake,	Boston
Rev. Charles C. Merrill	Boston
Rev. Everett C. Herrick	Newton Center
Rev. Vaughan Dabney	Newton Center
Rev. Emerson R. Wolfe	Wakefield
Rev. & Mrs. Ross C. Eaton	Bridgetown, N. S.

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Rev. Emery L. Bradford	Boxford
Rev. J. Everett Neese	West Boxford
Rev. Frederick B. Noss	Andover
Rev. Kenneth Clinton	Rowley
Mr. Howard Andrews	Newton Center
Mr. Elton Smith	Newton Center
Mr. Harry Kreuner	Newton Center

A true copy,
Attest:
Winnifrid C. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk

<u>Copy of Minutes of Council for Examination for Ordination and Installation of</u>
Mr. Kenneth Eaton; Boxford, Mass., May 17, 1940

Pursuant to Letters Missive issued by the Scribe of Essex South Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers dated May 13, 1940, which had been requested by the First Church in Boxford and authorized by the Executive Committee, an Associational Council convened in the house of worship of said Church on May 17, 1940, at 3 p.m. Rev. Kenneth R. Henley of Danvers was Moderator, and called on Dean Vaughan Dabney of Newton Center to offer prayer.

The Scribe read the Letter Missive and the roll. This roll, completed, was as follows:

Beverly, Dane Street	Rev. Kenneth D. Beckwith

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Beverly, Washington Street	Rev. Kenneth C. Bunker
Beverly, Immanuel	Rev. Norman B. Cawley
	Mr. Bradstreet
Danvers, First	Rev. Vernon H. Deming
~~Danvers, F~~	Mr. Fred H. Nowers
Danvers, Maple Street	Rev. Kenneth R. Henley
	Mr. James Perry
Essex	Rev. Edmund A. Burnham
Gloucester, Trinity	Rev. Edward A. Jones
Gloucester, Lanesville	Rev. R. J. Hodgen
Gloucester, West	Rev. R. J. Hodgen
Ipswich	Rev. Frederick C. Wilson
Marblehead	Rev. Oliver F. Wiese
Peabody, South	Rev. John Reid
Peabody, Second	Rev. Leslie H. Perdrian
	Dr. John F. Jordan
Rockport	Rev. Orviatt E. Desmond
Salem, Tabernacle	Rev. Milo E. Pearson
Salem, Cromhe Street	Rev. S. L. Johnson
	Mrs. S. L. Johnson
Swampscott	Rev. Charles J. Christiansen
	Miss Mary Jackson
Topsfield	Rev. Paul Sheldon
Wenham	Rev. Frederick W. Vaill
	Rev. Caleb Smith
Corresponding Members	Dean Vaughan Dabney, Newton Centre
	Rev. Frederick B. Noss, Andover

A quorum being present, the moderator called on Miss Winnifred C. Parkhurst, Clerk of the Boxford Church, to read the records of the school

parish relative to the calling of Mr. Kenneth Eaton as Pastor, his acceptance of the call, and the appointment of a committee on ordination and installation. These records were deemed satisfactory.

Mr. Eaton then presented his credentials, showing his membership in the Boxford Church, his standing as a licentiate in this Association, his graduation from Acadia University in May 1937, and his theological study at Union Seminary and Andover-Newton Seminary, from which he is to be graduated this June. These credentials were deemed satisfactory.

Mr. Eaton read an impressive statement of his religious experience and his main beliefs, under the title "What Christianity Means to Me"; and answered a number of questions which were asked by the ministers and delegates.

The Council, being by itself, by roll-call vote approved the motion that the examination be deemed satisfactory and that the Council proceed with the Church to ordain Mr. Eaton and install him as minister of the Boxford Church. Rev. Messrs. Reid and Wiese were appointed a committee to notify Mr. Eaton of the decision. The Executive committee was authorized to confer with Mr. Eaton and the Church concerning the public service, to be held on May 31st.

It was voted that the Scribe be instructed to complete the minutes and deliver copies to the candidate, the Church, the Congregational Library, and "Advance"; and that the Council take recess until May 31st, and be adjourned at the close of the public service.

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The public service of Ordination and Installation was held on May 31, at 7:30 p.m., and included the following special parts:-

Statement by the Moderator, Rev. Kenneth R. Henley;
Reading of the Minutes by the Scribe;
Invocation, by Rev. Edmund A. Burnham;
Scripture Reading, by Rev. John Reid;
Sermon, by Rev. Ross C. Eaton, of Bridgetown, N.S.;
Ordination and Installation Prayer, by Rev. Vaughan Dalney;
Charge to the Pastor, by Rev. Everett C. Hirrick;
Charge to the People, by Rev. R. Emerson Wolfe;
Right Hand of Fellowship, by Rev. Milo Pearson;
Interdenominational Greetings, consisting of a letter from Bishop Sherrill, read by Professor F. C. Roberts;
Benediction, by Rev. Kenneth O. Eaton.

Frederick C. Wilson, Scribe.

A true copy.
Attest: Winnifrid C. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk.

In May 1940, four accoustiphones, to aid the hard of hearing, were installed and presented to the church by Mrs. William C. Lane.

On Sunday afternoon, Aug. 11, 1940, Old Home Sunday Service was held. Prof. Franklin C. Roberts was the Speaker. Sun. A.M. Aug. 25, 1940 Bishop Sherrill preached.

At the Sunday morning service, Oct. 6, 1940, Mrs. Robert B. Parkhurst was chosen delegate to the fall meeting of the Essex South Ass'n.

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at the Washington Street Congregational Church, Beverly, Mass.
Sun. afternoon and evening, Oct. 6, 1940.

Sunday, Nov. 24, 1940. Union Thanksgiving Service with sermon by Rev. J. Everette Neese, Pastor West Boxford church (2d. Cong.).

Jan. 1, 1940 the Total Membership of the Church,	133.
Number admitted by letter 1940	1
Number removed by death, 1940	4
Net loss in membership in 1940	3
Total Membership, Jan. 1, 1941	130
Male members " "	55
Female members " "	75
Absentee members " "	39

During 1940 there were 2 Baptisms (private)
" " " " 3 Marriages
" " " " 4 Deaths.

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Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Church, Boxford, Massachusetts, was held in the Chapel, Tuesday evening, January 28, 1941, preceded by a supper in the Vestry at 6:30 o'clock, served by Mrs. Harry Moore, Mrs. Edward K. Mortimer and Mrs. Clarence E. Brown. 41 members of the church or parish were in attendance.

Rev. Kenneth O. Eaton, Pastor and Moderator opened the meeting with prayer.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read by the Clerk, Miss Winnifred C. Parkhurst and approved as read.

Reports of the Church Officers were as follows

Treasurer, Mr. Paul Killam, accepted with corrections
Auditor, Mr. George B. Parkhurst, approved as read.
Treasurer Special Funds, Dea. T. Perley Killam, approved as read.

Sarah P. Perley Fund	$1,000.	in Warren Five Cents Sav. Bank		
Caroline E. Peabody "	500.	" Georgetown	"	"
Mary Ann Peabody "	1,000.	" "	"	"
Home Music Fund	250.	" Danvers	"	"
Church Clock Repair "	100.	" "	"	"
Parsonage Repair "	500.	" "	"	"

The Tellers reported 15 ballots cast and the following

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Officers Elected -

Clerk, Miss Winnifrid Parkhurst
Treasurer, Mr. Paul Killam
Auditor, Mr. Albert C. Waters, Jr.
Decorating Committee, Miss Esther Perley, Mr. Dwight L. Killam and Mrs. Albert C. Waters.
Committee for Visiting the Sick, Mrs. R. B. Parkhurst, Mrs. F. H. Bond and Mrs. Vernon Childs.
Deacon for Term of Five Years, Mr. Perley Killam.
Annual Delegate to the Meetings of the Essex South Association, Miss Hazel Killam.
Ushers, Mr. John Hills, Mr. Bob Parkhurst, Mr. Alverson Noyes, and Mr. David Waters.

Voted to confirm the election of Mrs. Stanley B. Hills by the Church School as Superintendent for 1941.

Voted to assume all church school expenses for 1941.

Reports of the following Departments of Work were accepted as read:

Sunday School Supt., Mrs. Stanley B. Hills.
Delegates to Religious Educ. Conf. { Miss Barbara Millen. Miss Betty Ann Little.
Ladies Missionary Society, Miss Esther Perley for Mrs. Clarence E. Brown, Vice President.
Ladies Benevolent Society. { Secy, Mrs. Robert B. Parkhurst Treas, Mrs. George B. Parkhurst
Young Peoples Society, Miss Nancy Savage
Boy Scouts, Richard Adams.

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The Pastor, Rev. Kenneth O. Eaton gave a fine report of his work, and some goals for the coming year.

Voted to omit Roll Call. (Letters and messages had been received from members unable to attend or living at a distance.)

The decoration of the church by the Boxford Village Garden Club was proposed by the Pres., Mrs. Benjamin Currier, ~~but~~ After considerable discussion no vote was taken, ~~and~~ but the Moderator stated: "then the sense of the meeting is that we appreciate cooperation of the Garden Club with existing (decoration) committee."

In the absence of the other members of the Committee on Revision of Church Manual, Rev. Kenneth O. Eaton reported the proposed changes in Form of Admission, Confession of Faith, Covenant, Questions for Self-Examination and Standing Rules. Action on same to be taken at an adjourned meeting.

Voted that the Amendment to the By Laws re Nominations be changed to read:
"It shall be the duty of the Pastor, in due time before each annual meeting to appoint a Nominating Committee of three members, who shall nominate candidates for offices.

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This ballot shall be in printed form with blank space for the writing in of additional names. These ballots shall be available before the Annual Meeting".

Letters from the Church of New Jerusalem, Cambridge, Mass. recommending Mrs. Bertha Lane and Miss Margaret Lane to the fellowship of our church, were read and accepted.

Voted to take a special contribution at the Communion Service for a discretionary fund for use of the Pastor where there are needy cases.

Voted to have the Clerk send a letter of appreciation to the Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Emery L. Bradford, in as much as he was unable to attend the meeting.

Voted to extend thanks to the Supper Committee, Mrs. Harry Moore, Mrs. Edward K. Mortimer and Mrs. Clarence E. Brown.

Voted to have the Clerk tender Mrs. William MacPherson a thanks for her work with Junior Choir and as Organist.

Voted to confirm the appointment of Mr. E. Robert Little, Mr. Paul Wadleigh, Mr. Harlan P. Kelsey, Jr. and Mr. Fred Hardy as Boy Scout Committee.

Voted to send 3 girls to the Religious Education Conference

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next summer if funds can be secured.

Voted that the Minister, Supt. of Sunday School and Mrs. Joseph B. Matthews be Committee to secure the funds.

Voted to have the Clerk thank Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill for his kindness in preaching one Sunday each summer.

Voted to have Clerk thank Prof. Franklin C. Roberts for speaking at the Old Home Service last August.

Voted that Clerk be authorized to send Greetings to the oldest member, Mrs. Helen Holt, and letters of sympathy to members who are ill at the present time.

Voted to adjourn to a date set by Pastor and Deacons and announced the Sunday preceding the meeting.

Adjourned at 10 P.M.

Winnifrid C. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk.

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At the Sunday morning service, March 2, 1941, Mrs. Bertha P. Lane was received into fellowship of this church. Also Miss Margaret Lane who received Right-Hand of Fellowship, Easter Sunday, Apr. 13, 1941.

Sunday morning, March 30, 1941, notice was given from the pulpit of an adjourned meeting of the Church to be held after the morning service, April 6, 1941, to vote on proposed revision of Church Manual.

At an adjourned meeting of the Church Sunday noon, April 6, 1941, presided over by Rev. Kenneth O. Eaton, the names of Margaret Mello and David Hardy were propounded for admission to the fellowship of the Church.

Church Manual } Revision of the Church Manual as proposed at the Annual Church Meeting, Jan. 28, 1941, was read and accepted. To read as follows:-

Form of Admission.

Address:

Christian Friends -- You have presented yourselves today publicly to renew those vows already addressed to Him who heareth in secret, to confess before men your sinfulness, your hope of pardon in Christ your Saviour, and your joy in the accepted love of God your Heavenly Father.

You are also to unite with this Church in a covenant of mutual sympathy in the Christian life, and mutual co-operation in Christian work. We therefore propose for your acceptance, our Con-

fession of Faith, not as the ground of your hope which must rest in Jesus Christ alone, but as the bond of our union, which must depend on sympathy of faith and feeling. Hear then our statement of faith:-

Faith-- "We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, goodness and love; and in Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord and Saviour, who for us and our salvation lived and died and rose again and liveth evermore; and in the Holy Spirit, who taketh of the things of Christ and revealeth them to us, renewing, comforting, and inspiring the souls of men.

Covenant-- "We are united in striving to know the will of God as taught in the Holy Scriptures, and in our purpose to walk in the ways of the Lord, made known or as it is made known to us. We hold it to be the mission of the Church of Christ to proclaim the gospel to all mankind, exalting the worship of the one true God and labouring for the progress of knowledge, the promotion of justice, the reign of peace, and the realization of human brotherhood.

Depending, as did our fathers, upon the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, we work and pray for the transformation of the world into the kingdom of God; and we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness and the life everlasting.

Polity-- "We believe in the freedom and responsibility

of the individual soul, and the right of private judgment. We hold to the autonomy of the local church and its independence of all ecclesiastical control.
We cherish the fellowship of the churches, united in district, state and national bodies, for counsel and cooperation in matters of common concern.
The Wider Fellowship -- "While affirming the liberty of our churches, and the validity of our ministry, we hold to the unity and catholicity of the Church of Christ, and will unite with all its branches in hearty cooperation, and will earnestly seek, so far as in us lies, that the prayer of our Lord for His Disciples may be answered that 'they may all be one.'"

<u>The Membership Vows:</u>

Sincerely repenting of your sins, and taking the Covenant of this Church as your own,

Do you, _____, accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, and do you promise to try to follow Him all your days, and at all times to lead a life worthy of your Master?

(I do)

Do you further promise before God and this fellowship to be faithful in the support of this Church, to further its effectiveness in our community and to uphold its honor by your loyal service?

(I do)

Welcome: In consequence of these professions and vows, we, the members of this Church (the minister will signal for the members of the church to rise) affectionately receive you to our Christian

fellowship and cordially welcome you to share with us in its responsibilities and privileges. We promise to watch over you, to help you, and walk with you in Christian love so long as you shall continue with us.

In token of our welcome, and on behalf of this church family, I extend to each of you the right hand of fellowship.

And now may God strengthen us all in our faith and love, that we may live as true disciples of Christ our Lord and as members one of another.

Self-Examination

"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith prove your own selves" – 2 Corinthians; 3:5

1. Do I discharge my covenant obligations?
2. Do I faithfully and regularly cultivate my devotional life through Bible reading, meditation, and prayer?
3. Am I seeking by word and deed to lead others, especially the members of my family, to a clearer understanding of and personal devotion to Christ?
4. Do I love the church and take an abiding interest in its prosperity, and cordially cooperate in its every effort to advance the cause of truth?
5. Do I remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy for worship and the special remembrance of God?

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6. Am I habitually present at the communion?
7. Do I encourage as I have opportunity, the teachers and members of the Church School?
8. Do I honor and love my pastor for his work's sake, and remember him in my prayers? Do I cheerfully co-operate with him in plans for doing good, and make known to him anything of importance relating to the welfare of the church and congregation?
9. Do I have an affection for all of Christ's followers, especially those with whom I am more immediately connected in church covenant?
10. Am I systematic in my benevolence, giving according as God prospers me?
11. Am I seeking in every way possible to live worthily as a follower of the Master, and am I growing in Christian character and experience?

Standing Rules.

I. Officers of the Church.

The Officers of the Church shall be:

1. A Pastor, who shall be chosen in accordance with the Joint Rules of the Church and Society, and installed over it in accordance with congregational usage.
2. Three Deacons who shall be chosen for the term of five years, and two junior deacons for term of two years, and two deaconesses for term of two years. (See page 205)

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3. A Standing Committee, which shall consist of the Pastor and Deacons. The Church may add others to this Committee if at any time it shall be deemed wise.

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4. A Clerk, who shall be elected annually.
5. A Treasurer, who shall be elected annually.
6. A Superintendent of the Sunday School, who shall be chosen by the Sunday School, and approved by the Church at its annual meeting.

All the Officers of the Church shall be chosen by ballot; and the Deacons, Standing Committee, Clerk and Treasurer shall hold office until their successors are elected.

Vacancies may be filled at any regular meeting, notice having been previously given; or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

The person chosen to fill a vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired term.

II. Duties of Officers.

1. The Pastor of this Church shall be a member of it, and its standing Moderator.
2. It shall be the duty of the Deacons to preside in the absence of the Pastor, or when action respecting him is to be taken; to assist in the administration of the Lord's Supper; to distribute the charities of the Church; and to aid the Pastor generally in the care of the flock.
3. It shall be the duty of the Standing Committee to examine all candidates for admission to the fellowship of the Church, and to present to it a report of the names of such as they approve.
4. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep the records of the Church, and to discharge the other duties

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appropriate to that office. The reports of all officers and committees of the Church shall be incorporated in full in the minutes of the Annual Meeting.

It shall also be the duty of the Clerk, with the help of the Pastor and Deacons, to prepare each year a roll of the members of the Church, with their residence, if absent, together with such other facts concerning the membership of the Church as they may deem of interest.

5. It shall be the duty of the treasurer of the church to take charge of all money belonging to the Church, and all contributions taken for charitable purposes, and to pay out the same as the Church may direct and make full written report of the same at the Annual Meeting.

6. The Amendment;- It shall be the duty of the Pastor, in due time before each annual meeting to appoint a nominating committee of three members, who shall nominate candidates for office. This ballot shall be in printed form with blank spaces for the writing in of additional names. These ballots shall be available before the Annual Meeting.

III. Admission of Members.

1. All candidates for admission to the fellowship of the Church shall be examined by the Standing committee. The names of all persons approved by them shall be propounded to the Church on the Sunday preceding their proposed acceptance into the church.

2. Persons so elected to membership shall make public profession of their Christian faith.

3. Members of other Churches whose letters of dismission and recommendation are accepted by this Church shall not be required to make public profession.

IV. Dismission of Members.

This Church, on application duly made, will dismiss and recommend its members who are in good and regular standing, to other churches. Applications for dismission must

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be in writing and state the name of the Church to which recommendation is desired.

2. Applications for dismission shall be presented to the Church one week before action is taken thereon.

V. Business Meetings.

1. There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Church for business in the month of January, at a time to be fixed by the Pastor and Deacons, and notified from the pulpit on the Sunday preceeding the day set for for such meeting.

2. Business may be done at any regular religious Church meeting. A special meeting may be called at any time when in the opinion of the Pastor and Deacons it is necessary: and shall be called on the written application to the Pastor - or in his absence to the Deacon senior in office, - of seven members.

3. If it is ever necessary for the Church to take action at any of its regular services on Sunday, - as in the case of letters missive calling to a Council, - such action shall be considered valid and shall be entered by the Clerk in the records of the Church.

4. All the members of the Church of the age of twenty one years and upward shall be entitled to vote at the business meetings of the Church.

5. Ten members of the Church shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

6. At the Annual Meeting the following items of business shall be transacted: -

1) The records of the last Annual Meeting and of all

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There shall be a COUNCIL of the Church to meet monthly for the following purposes:

1. To consider ways and means of carrying out Church policy as determined at the Annual Meeting.

2. To advise and encourage the teachers and officers of the Sunday School in the work of Christian education, and the minister in the more effective performance of his duties.

3. To discuss the affairs of the Church in its relations with the Essex South Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers and with the Massachusetts Congregational Conference and Missionary Society.

4. To supervise the Church budget and to approve for payment bills legitimately incurred by the Church or its agents.

5. To serve as a means of official communication and cooperation between the various organizations of the Church.

The COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP shall include: the Minister; the Deacons, Junior Deacons, and Deaconesses; the Clerk of the Church; the Treasurer of the Church; the Superintendent of the Sunday School; the Presidents of the Ladies' Benevolent Society, the Carrie L. Bradford Guild, the Women's Missionary Society, and the Pilgrim Fellowship. The Minister shall act as Chairman (in his absence, one of the Deacons), and the Clerk of the Church as Secretary.

The Clerk of the Church shall communicate with the Moderator of the Parish, asking that that body delegate three of its members (including the Chairman of the Parish Committee and the Chairman of the Finance Committee) to hold full voting membership on the Council and to assist in clarifying and consolidating the policies of Church and Parish.

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RULES FOR THE JOINT ACTION
First Congregational Church and First Congregational Parish
Boxford, Massachusetts.

1.

Whenever the First Congregational Church and the First Congre-
gational Parish shall be destitute of a Pastor and a new one is to
be chosen, a Joint Committee of the Church and Parish, consisting
of five persons, of whom three shall be chosen by the Church and
two by the Parish, shall provide a supply for the pulpit, and take
all necessary measures to that end.
The Church shall have the right in all cases to select the Pastor
to be proposed to the Parish for its concurrence. If said Parish
shall concur with said Church a call shall be given by the Church
and Parish jointly to the person selected; but if the Parish do not
concur in the selection, the Church shall select again, andso again,
from time to time, until the Church and Parish shall agree in a
choice, and when so agreed a call shall be given to the person so
chosen by the Church and Parish as above stated, that is Jointly.

2.

The amount of salary to be given to the Pastor shall be
fixed by the Parish.

3.

Temporary supply of the pulpit, during the absence or sickness
of the Pastor, shall be provided by the Pastor and Deacons of the
Church, and the bills for the necessary expense incurred for that
purpose shall be submitted to the Parish Committee, and, when
approved by them, shall be paid by the Treasurer of the Parish.
By the word "Church" hereinbefore used, is meant all members of the
Church in good and regular standing of the age of twenty-one years
and upwards.

4.

No alteration nor addition shall be made to these Joint Rules
on the part of either Church or Parish unless the same be agreed
upon by two thirds of the members present at legal meetings,
reasonable notice of such proposed change having been previously
given.

intervening business, shall be read.
2) Choice of annual officers.
3) Action on the choice by the Sunday School teachers of the Sunday School Superintendent.
4) Report of the Treasurer.
5) Report of Sunday School Superintendent.
6) Reports of other church organizations.
7) Any appropriate miscellaneous business shall be in order.
8) Roll Call of the Members of the Church.
7. These By-Laws may be repealed or modified by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting, provided notice of the exact nature of the proposed change has been given at least one week previous. This rule shall not, however, be construed so as to forbid the suspension of any single rule For a Single Meeting, provided the Church shall see fit to order such suspension.
(See-Rules for Joint Action of 1st. Cong. Ch. & 1st Cong. Parish) attached herewith.

A true copy,
Attest:
Winnifred C. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk.

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Church Council see typed page - Adopted Jan. 22. 1946.

On Easter Sunday, Apr. 13. 1941, Margaret Lillian Mellow and David Allen Hardy were admitted to the fellowship of the church by confession of faith.

Sunday morning, May 11, 1941, Mrs. Robert B. Parkhurst and Mrs. Albert C. Waters were chosen delegates to Essex So. Cong. Conference at Maple St. Church, Danvers, Mass. that afternoon.

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At a beautiful Children's Day Service on Sunday morning June 29, 1941, Mary, the little daughter of Mr. & Mrs. H. Lloyd Keefe of Topsfield was presented for baptism by the pastor, Mrs. Eaton.

At the same service a letter was read from Eliot Church, Newt recommending Mrs. John Hitchcock to membership, and also one from The First Baptist Church of Wollaston, Mass. recommending Mrs. Albert C. Waters, Jr. to our church membership.

The service of Holy Communion was observed Sunday morning, July 6, 1941, and at that time Mrs. John Hitchcock and Mrs. Albert C. Waters, Jr. were received into membership of the church

Summer Schedule.

Aug. 3, 1941. Old Home Service at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Speaker, Miss Mary A. Herrick, "Sabbath in the Olden Days."

Aug. 10, 1941. Union Service with Topsfield Church. Speaker, Dr. George Shepherd, personal advisor to Gen. Chiang Kai Shek, China.

Aug. 17, 1941. Preacher, Dr. Harris G. Hale of Marblehead, Mass.

Aug. 24, 1941, Preacher, Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill.

Sunday morning, Sept. 14, 1941, Nathaniel P. Harris was dismissed and recommended to membership of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of New Orleans, Louisiana.

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* At a business meeting of the Church following the Sunday morning service October 19, 1941; it was

Voted that the $1,000. - bequeathed the church by Mr. William H. Hooper, be added to the Ministerial Fund of the Parish.

Voted that mimeographed reports of the various church funds be distributed at the next annual meeting in January. It was recommended that the Parish do likewise at their annual meeting in March.

Voted that if necessary to meet the church apportionment, the Church Treasurer be instructed to take the loose offering the last Sunday of each month to help toward the payment of benevolences.

* On Sept. 13th., 1941, the church suffered the loss of its beloved Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Emery L. Bradford, at the age of 82 years.

The Funeral Service was held in the Church the afternoon of Sept. 17th., with the Pastor, Rev. Kenneth O. Eaton - the former Pastor, Dr. R. E. Wolfe, and Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill officiating.

Mr. Bradford was pastor of the church from 1892 - 1902 and again from 1913 - 1925 when he was made Pastor Emeritus, a total of 38 years in the Parish.

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On Sunday Nov. 16th., a Union Thanksgiving Service with 2d. Cong. Church at West Bedford. The worship was led by the new Pastor of 2d. Church, Rev. Milton Lucas, and Rev. Kenneth W. Eaton preached the sermon.

Jan. 1, 1941, Total Church Membership	130	
Number admitted by letter in 1941	2	4
" " " Confession Faith. 1941	2	
" removed " letter in 1941	1	5
" " " death " "	4	
Net loss in membership in 1941	1	
Male Membership Jan. 1, 1942	52	
Female " " " "	77	
Absentee " " " "	36	
Total Membership, Jan. 1, 1942.	129	

Winnifrid C. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk.

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Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Church, Bolford, Mass., was held in the Vestry, Tuesday evening, Jan. 13, 1942 at 7:30 in the evening, preceded by a supper served by Mrs. K. O. Eaton, Mrs. William McPherson, Mrs. E. K. Mortimer and Mrs. R. B. Parkhurst. Twenty six members of church and parish were present.

The Moderator, Rev. Kenneth O. Eaton opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the preceding annual meeting and intervening business were read by the Church Clerk, Miss Winnifrid C. Parkhurst, and approved as read.

Voted that the report of the Nominating Committee, Mrs. Harry Moore, Mrs. Franklin C. Roberts and Deacon Robert B. Parkhurst be accepted. 16 ballots were cast for the following:-

Officers Elected for 1942

Clerk. Miss Winnifrid Parkhurst
Treasurer, Mr. Paul Killam
Auditor, Mr. Albert C. Waters, Jr.
Decorating Committee,
Mrs. A. C. Waters, for 1 year.
Mrs. F. C. Roberts, " 2 "
Miss Amy G. Parkhurst, " 3 "
Committee for Visiting the Sick,
Mrs. R. B. Parkhurst
Mrs. F. H. Bond
Mrs. Vernon Childs
Mr. Arthur Ayers,
Association Delegate,
Mrs. Harry Moore.

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Ushers,
Mr. John Hills
Mr. Bob Parkhurst
Mr. Alerson Noyes
Mr. Richard Adams.

Voted to confirm the choice of Mr. Stanley B. Hills by the Church School as S. S. Superintendent for 1942.

Voted to assume all Church School expenses for 1942.

Voted to continue to sponsor the Boy Scout Troop.

Voted that hereafter the new member of the Decorating Committee be elected for three years, holding over one member for two years, and one for one year.

The matter of Junior Deacons as provided for in Church Constitution was brought to attention of meeting.

Voted that a committee be chosen to select names for offices of Junior Deacons.
Committee:- Rev. K. O. Eaton, Miss Winnifrid C. Parkhurst, Prof. F. C. Roberts, Deacon T. P. Killam and Deacon John M. Parkhurst.

Reports of Church Officers as follows:-
Treasurer, Mr. Paul L. Killam, read by Rev. K. O. Eaton.
Treasurer Special Funds, Dea. T. P. Killam

These reports could not be accepted, as accounts had not been audited in advance. Action to be taken later.

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Mimeographed copies of the reports read, and of parish standing, including Ministerial Fund, were distributed, thus helping all to understand the different funds of church and parish.

Reports Organizations and Societies.

S. S. Superintendent, Mrs. Stanley B. Hills, accepted as read and placed on file.
Missionary Society, President, Miss Winnifred C. Parkhurst, read by Mrs. Clarence E. Brown, Vice Pres., accepted as read and placed on file.
For - Congregational Christian Com. for War Victims & Services, Treasurer, Miss Amy G. Parkhurst, reported $81.40 pledged to date
Ladies Benevolent Society, Treas., Mrs. George B. Parkhurst, accepted as read and placed on file.
Pilgrim Fellowship, Secretary, Alden Wadleigh, read by Mrs. K. O. Eaton, accepted as read and placed on file.
Wilbraham Conference, Bob Parkhurst a delegate, read by Mrs. K. O. Eaton, accepted as read and placed on file.
Scout Master, Mr. Fred Hardy, read by Rev. K. O. Eaton, accepted and placed on file.

Voted that present Boy Scout Committee be re-appointed for 1942.
Committee:- Mr. E. Robert Little, Mr. Paul Wadleigh, Mr. Harlan P. Kelsey, Jr. and Mr. Fred Hardy.

Report of Pastor, Rev. Kenneth O. Eaton,

showed church and its societies strong and active and a happy relationship existing between pastor, ~~and~~ officers and other members. 284 pastoral calls were made in 1941 and it is Mr. Eaton's desire that there be a deepening of the pastoral relationship. He urged all to keep the church central in its support and to let

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nothing stand in the way of spiritual [illegible], for the world needs the message of Christian as never before.

Mr. Eaton's report was accepted and appreciation expressed of the fine work done by Mr. and Mrs. Eaton, particularly with the young people.

Voted that a Committee be appointed from the Church to cooperate with the Parish, to study the whole question of church repair and improvement. Committee, Deacon Robert B. Parkhurst, Miss Mary A. Herrick and Mr. Stanley B. Hills.

Voted to omit Roll Call.

Voted to ask Garden Club to assist Decorating Committee.

Voted that Church donate $10.00 for sending delegates to different summer conferences provided the young people raise $10.00/100.

Vote of thanks was extended the Committee and all who provided the good supper preceding the meeting.

Voted to send letters of Greeting to several members now away or shut-in. To Mrs. William A. Swann, Miss Gertrude French, Mrs. John N. Parkhurst, Mrs. Helen Holt, Mr. & Mrs. Chester Killam & Hazel, Mr. & Mrs. Frank A. Manny.

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Voted that a Committee be chosen to draw up Resolutions to be sent to Mrs. Ruth Bradford Lanterbury, in appreciation of her father, Rev. Emery L. Bradford our Pastor Emeritus.
Committee, Miss Maude Norris, Prof. F. C. Roberts and Deacon J. P. Killam.

Miss Mary A. Herrick was thanked for the very fine address she gave Old Home Sunday last summer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Winnifrid C. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk.

On Sunday, March 22, 1942, Mrs. Ella A. Swann was dismissed and recommended to the membership of The Clinton Avenue Community Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.

On Sunday, March 29, 1942, the following letters of dismissal and recommendation to membership were read and accepted:-

Mrs. Georgina Ayers from West Somerville, Mass. Congregational Church.

Mrs. Evelyne Eaton from First Baptist Church, Brandon, Manitoba.

Miss Nancy Savage from The Auburndale Congregational Church, Auburndale, Mass.

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At the Easter Service, Apr. 5, 1942, the Pastor, Rev. Kenneth O. Eaton baptized Coralie Childs and Anne Kelsey.
The following were received into the membership of the church:
By letter,- Mrs. Georgina Ayers, Mrs. Evelyne Eaton and Miss Nancy Savage.
On confession of faith, and baptism, -
Coralie Childs and Anne Kelsey.
On confession of faith, -
Edith Gamble, Ruth Gamble, Ada M. Parkhurst, Joan Walsh, Richard Adams and Edward Willey, Jr.

Following the Sunday morning service, April 19, 1942 it was voted to accept the following "In Memoriam"; spread it on the Church Records and send a copy to Mr. Bradford's daughter, Mrs. Ruth B. Canterbury. —

In Memoriam

The Reverend Emery Lucius Bradford who joined the Church Triumphant September 13, 1941 blessed this little parish for nearly two score years by his gracious presence and friendly ministrations

He was a man who endeared himself to this community by his sympathetic understanding and rare judgment. Although physically never robust he was endowed with rich mental

gifts – a sparkling sense of humor, the appropriate thought for every occasion, and a passion for keeping abreast of the times.

In the pulpit he revealed his spiritual strength in prayers that brought us into close communion with the Father of us all and in sermons that gave a renewed grip on life.

He was ever solicitous for the sick and unfortunate and into the house of sorrow he brought soothing and comfort.

Whatever was good for the town received his active support. He was particularly interested in the Bolford Public Library, serving as its President for many years and participating in the removal to its new home.

When failing strength made him resign as active pastor in this community, the church honored itself by making him Pastor Emeritus.

He welcomed the coming of new folk who decided to make their home in our midst and sought to connect them with the church. The young clergy who came to serve this parish found in him a tower of strength in his friendliness and abiding faith.

Such a personality was Mr. Bradford.

And we would remember his noble wife, his constant companion and helpmeet, whose loss during the last year and a half of his life was well nigh insupportable. These good people have gone from our midst but they have left a spiritual heritage that abides.

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"Our birth is but a sleep and a forgetting:
The Soul that rises with us, our life's star,
Hath had elsewhere its setting,
And cometh from afar:
Not in entire forgetfulness,
And not in utter nakedness,
But trailing clouds of glory do we come,
From God, who is our home."

C. Maude Norris
J. Perley Killam
Franklin C. Roberts

May 24th. members of the Topsfield American Legion were invited to attend Memorial Sunday Service at which Mr. Eaton preached the sermon, "Lives of Great Men"

June 14th. was observed as "Go to Church Sunday".

June 21st. Children's Sunday Service, when Priscilla Joan Owen and Guy Woodman Butler were baptized.

Old Home Sunday was observed Sunday morning, Aug. 3d. Mr. Winthrop P. Haynes, speaker.

Aug. 16th. Rev. Mr. Hildebrandt of So. Byfield, preached.

Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill was guest preacher Sun. morning. Aug. 30th. Following the regular

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church service, there was a special Episcopal service to christen Randolph Bradstreet Dodge, Jr.

Oct. 11, 1942, Sarah Peabody Lord, was baptized during the Sunday morning service.

Oct. 25, 1942 was observed as Youth Sunday when three of the young people assisted Mr. Eaton at the service, and Karen Radford Waters was baptized.

Following an old custom, the Union Thanksgiving Service of the 1st. and 2d. Parishes was held in our church on Sunday morning, Nov. 22d. Mr. Milton Sweet, Pastor of the West Boxford Church was the guest preacher.

Christmas Sunday Service, ~~of~~ morning of Dec. 20. with Carol and candle-lighting service under direction Pilgrim Fellowship in evening.

Sunday morning, Jan. 10, 1943, the Church confirmed the Standing Committee's choice of Mr. Milton E. Lord as auditor, to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Albert C. Waters, Jr., who removed from town

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Church Membership

Total Church Membership, Jan. 1, 1942.			129
plus 2 added because of error in count			2
			131
Number admitted by letter in 1942,	3	11	
" " " Confession Faith, " ,	8		
" removed " letter in 1942.	1	3	
" " " death " "	2		
Net gain in membership in 1942,			8
Male membership, Jan. 1, 1943.	53		
Female " " " " ,	86		
Absentee " " " " ,	46		
Total Church Membership, Jan. 1, 1943.			139

Winnifrid C. Parkhurst.
Clerk.

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Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Church was held in the Vestry on Tuesday evening, Jan. 26. 1943, following a Supper served 27 members of Church and Parish.

The meeting was opened with Prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Kenneth C. Eaton.

The records of the previous Annual Meeting and intervening business were read by the Clerk.

Voted to dispense with Roll Call.

The report of the Committee to make selection of names for Junior Deacons was given by Prof. Franklin C. Roberts, and accepted.

Voted to amend the Standing Rules of the Constitution, Article 1, Section 2, so as to read "two junior deacons for term of two years and two deaconesses for term of two years". (See Page 187)

Report of Nominating Committee, Mrs. A.C. Waters, Mrs. William S. MacSherson and Prof. Franklin C. Roberts accepted and 21 ballots cast for following:-

Officers and Committees Elected for 1943.

Clerk, Miss Winnifred C. Parkhurst

Treasurer, Mr. Paul Killam

Auditor, Mr. Milton E. Lord

Decorating Committee,

~~Amy G. Parkhurst, Ch. (elected 1942 for 3 yrs.) 2 yrs.~~ ~~Mrs. John Hitchcock, 3 yrs., and~~ {Mrs. John Hitchcock for 3 years. Mrs. Horace Moore, 1 year.}

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Visiting Committee,
Mrs. F. H. Bond, Ch., Mrs. R. B. Parkhurst, Mrs. A. C. Waters and Mr. Raymond Perley.
Association Delegate, Mrs. Franklin C. Roberts.
Ushers,
Mr. Richard Adams, Mr. Richard Milton, Mr. Lum Adams, Mr. Peter McMorran.
Deaconesses. For 2 years.
Mrs. S. Arthur Ayers, Mrs. Franklin C. Roberts.
Junior Deacon, For 2 years.
Mr. Robert P. Parkhurst.
Old Home Service Committee,
Mrs. Winthrop P. Haynes, Ch., Mrs. Harry Moore, Mrs. George Sideon, Mr. Stanley Hills, and Prof. Franklin C. Roberts.

Reports.

Church Treasurer, ~~Deacon J. Perley~~ Mr. Paul Killam, accepted
Church Auditor, Mr. Milton E. Lord, "

Voted to accept Auditor's recommendation that Church Auditor confer with Parish Auditor (if Parish so desires) and prepare and distribute a consolidated statement and explanation of church and parish finances.

Treasurer Special Funds, Dea. J. Perley Killam, accepted

Voted that steps be taken to secure an electric clock for use of the Sunday School.

Deacon John H. Parkhurst called attention to the unreported "Helen Stevens Fund for the Sunday School."

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Reports (continued)

For Cong. Christian Committee for War Victims and Services, Treasurer, Miss Amy G. Parkhurst, accepted.
Sunday School Work, Mrs. Kenneth U. Eaton, accepted
Sunday School Sec'y-Treasurer, Mrs. Robert P. Parkhurst "
Missionary Society (Pres.) Miss Winnifred C. Parkhurst, "
Ladies Benevolent Society (Treas.) Mrs. George F. Parkhurst, "
Carrie L. Bradford Guild, (Sec.) Mrs. Alexander H. McMorron, "
Boy Scout Master, Mr. Frederick U. Hardy, "

Voted to sponsor work of Boy Scouts.
Voted that Church empower Trust Committee, Scout Master and Pastor to add to Boy Scout Committee as they see fit.
Pilgrim Fellowship, Jeannette Abbott, (Vice Pres.) ~~Sec'y~~, and by Miss Nancy Savage, Sec'y, accepted.

Report of Pastor, Rev. Kenneth U. Eaton

Mr. Eaton expressed appreciation of the Church Officers and workers who have carried on so successfully the past year, with especially thanks to Mrs. Wm. P. MacPherson and the Junior Choir for their ministry of music.

In 1942 the Pastor made 514 calls. He hoped that the members would keep uppermost in their minds the welfare of the church and community and confronted each with two practical obligations. 1st. that there be no "rationing of religion" in these days of change in material standards of living, and 2d. that our world is starved for friendship and that we try to be a more friendly Church, in the name of the greatest Friend of all.

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New Business.

Deacon John V. Parkhurst read a letter from Dr. Ralph M. Timberlake, Pres. Mass. Congregational Conference in regard to our Church helping our Pastor secure the benefits of the Congregational Annuity Fund.

Voted that the Church assume one half the annual dues in the Cong. Annuity Fund and Mr. Eaton the other half so long as he remains with us

Voted that Committee to select names for Junior Deacons previously appointed (Jan. 1942) continue to act and submit if possible the name of another Junior Deacon at some Sunday morning service.

A statement of the Ministerial Fund of the Parish was read by one of the Trustees, Deacon John V. Parkhurst.

A vote of thanks was extended the Supper Committee, - Mrs. Harry Moore, Mrs. Edward K. Mortimer and Mrs. Howard Butler.

Voted to have the Church Clerk notify all Secretaries of the different church organizations to confer with the Pastor and Parish Committee in making calendar of events.

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Voted to send expression of thanks to Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill for his work last summer.

Voted to thank Wehere for their work.

Voted to ask Rosford Village Garden Club to be kind enough to assist Decorating Committee with floral arrangements for Sunday services.
Also voted to thank the Club for the flowers given when the Service Flag was dedicated.

Moved to adjourn at 9:15 P.M.

Winnifrid C. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk.

A Service of Induction of Mrs. S. Arthur Ayers and Mrs. Franklin C. Roberts as Deaconesses, and Robert Perley Parkhurst as Junior Deacon, was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Kenneth D. Eaton on Sunday morning, March 7, 1943, preceding the Communion.

Palm Sunday, April 18, 1943 the following letters of dismissal and recommendation to our church fellowship were read and accepted.
Mrs. Esther L. Hills and Mr. Stanley B. Hills, from Linebrook Congregational Church, Ipswich, Mass.
Mr. & Mrs. Norman P. Hoogerzeil from Dane Street

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Congregational Church, Beverly, Mass.

Mr. Ellis Dale Kendall and Mrs. Nancy Elmer Kendall from First Methodist Church, Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

At a beautiful Easter Service, Sunday morning April 25, 1943, the Pastor, Rev. Kenneth O. Eaton baptized Ellis Dale Kendall, Jr., infant son of Mr. & Mrs. Ellis Dale Kendall.

The following were received into the membership of the church.

Mr. & Mrs. Stanley B. Hills, Mr. & Mrs. Norman P. Hoogerzeil and Mrs. Ellis Dale Kendall. (Mr. Kendall unable to be present, but enrolled as member.)

Children's Day was observed Sunday, June 20, 1943, when six babies were baptized by the Pastor. Mary Louise Bain, David Ross Eaton, Charlotte Upton Hitchcock, Priscilla Jane Noyes, Judith Nancy Owen, and Nancy Lord Roberts.

At the Sunday morning service, July 11, 1943, the pastor tendered his resignation: —

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Resignation of Rev. Kenneth O. Eaton

"Oak Hill Parsonage",
Boxford, Massachusetts,
July 11, 1943

To the Members of the First Congregational Church and Parish of Boxford,

Dear Friends,

It is my unpleasant duty this morning to tender you my formal letter of resignation as your pastor and preacher.

It is with deep feeling and regret that we ask you to release us for more active service in another branch of the Church of Christ after the second Sunday in August.

I have recently been extended a call from Faith Congregational Church in Springfield to become its associate pastor with the Reverend Dwight L. Cart beginning the first week in September. The opportunities there seem so fine and the experience of working with an outstanding senior minister in a strong city church in a large Congregational center seems so attractive that we have decided, after much careful thought and consideration to accept the invitation. You will not misunderstand me nor impugn my good motives when I add that, with a new member in the family, the increased financial prospects were also among the deciding factors.

We are not unmindful of the advantages we are

leaving behind us in this almost ideal village community. One of the hardest experiences a minister is obliged to face is this pulling up of stakes in place after place that he has learned to love and to begin all over again in a new environment. Both Evelyn and I want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your loyal friendship and encouragement during our three and a half years in this our first home and parish. The hospitality of your homes, the work with the young people both in the Sunday School and the Pilgrim Fellowship, the privilege of preaching week by week to a congregation that has always demanded the best the preacher had to give, and the many enriching occasions of happy fellowship in church and community will remain among our most cherished memories.

We shall follow your work with our continued interest and high faith wherever the years may take us, and we pray that under new leadership, the Church and all it stands for will win its way still deeper into your affectionate loyalty and concern. And we know that those who step into our place will be upheld, as we have been, by your friendship and faithful co-operation,

Cordially yours,

Kenneth O. Eaton.

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Special Meeting.

At a special Church Meeting after the morning service July 11th. 1943, with Senior Deacon John W. Parkhurst presiding, Mr. Eaton's Resignation was accepted.

Voted to instruct the Clerk to ask the Clerk of the Ministers' Association to call a Council to dismiss our Pastor.

Mrs. Henry Perley and Mrs. William C. Lane were chosen a Committee on Resolutions.

A Pastoral Supply Committee of three members was chosen to serve with two from the Parish, making Committee of five as provided for in By-Laws for Joint Action of Church and Parish. Dwight L. Killam, elected Jan. 28, 1944 to fill vacancy caused by resignation Prof. Roberts.

~~Prof. Franklin C. Roberts~~ resigned Jan. 3, 1944.

Dea. Robert B. Parkhurst } to represent Church.

Mrs. Frederick H. Bond

Mr. Milton C. Lord } to represent Parish, chosen Aug. 1, 1943.

Miss Mary A. Herrick

The Clerk read letters from Mrs. Mary Sheldon and Miss Elizabeth Sheldon requesting that their names be removed from Church Roll, and their request was granted.

Winnifred C. Parkhurst
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Sunday morning, July 25th. the Church adopted the following Resolutions and a copy was sent Mr. Eaton.

Resolutions.

Whereas the Reverend Kenneth O. Eaton has been pastor of the First Congregational Church in Boxford for three and a half years and has made himself of great value not only to the church, but to the entire community; and

Whereas it now seems best for him to accept an offer for service in a larger field, for which he is admirably fitted,

Resolved: that though we deeply regret parting with him and his family, we wish to express our gratitude for his constant helpfulness; for his friendly understanding of young people, especially his stimulating work in the Pilgrim Fellowship; and for the inspiration of his preaching.

Resolved: that the people of this church will always be interested in his welfare and in that of his family, and that our hearty good wishes go with him for his new work.

Signed:

Abbie C. Perley
Bertha P. Lane

Resolution Committee

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The Essex South Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers
To the First Church in Boxford
Greeting:

At the request of the Minister and Clerk of the First Congregation Church, Boxford, a special conciliary session of the Essex South Association will be held in the meeting house of said Church at 3 o'clock on Tuesday, August 10, 1943, for the purpose of dissolving the relationship between the Church and its Pastor, Rev. Kenneth O. Eaton who has accepted the call of Faith Church, Springfield, to become its Associate Minister.

Each Church shall be represented by its Minister and one delegate.

Wishing you grace, mercy, and peace, Da
Very sincerely yours,
Scribe Perry M. Blankenship
Martinsville, Indiana, July 29. 1943

On Sunday morning, Aug. 8, Rev. Mr. Eaton preached his farewell sermon, "Our Obligation to the Christian Church."

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Dismissal Council, Rev. K. O. Eaton.

Essex South Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers

Aug. 10, 1943

Pursuant to a letter missive dated July 29, 1943 an Associational Council of the Essex South Association of Congregational Churches and ministers convened at the First Church in Boxford on Tuesday, August 10, 1943 at 3 P.M. the Vice Moderator, Rev. Frederick N. Vaill, presiding.

Rev. Frederick C. Wilson of Ipswich offered prayer, following which the Scribe read the letter missive and called the roll.

The roll of the Council was as follows:

Beverly, Second	Mr. Wallace
Danvers, First	Dea. F. H. Nowers
Gloucester, Trinity	Rev. Edward A. Jones
Gloucester, Magnolia	Mr. & Mrs. J. R. De Sousa
Hamilton	Rev. John L. Yeaches
Ipswich	Rev. F. C. Wilson
Lynn, Bethany	Rev. E. E. Aiken, Jr.
Peabody, South	Rev. P. M. Blankenship and
~~Rockport~~	Dea. Peter A. Sim
Rockport, First	Rev. Oniatt Desmond
Salem, Tabernacle	Rev. Milo E. Pearson
Salem, Crombie St.	Rev. J. Wesley Prince
Swampscott	Rev. Leonard Kramer and Miss Mary C. E. Jackson
Topsfield	Rev. Paul E. Sheldon
Wenham	Rev. F. N. Vaill

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As eleven churches were represented at the time of roll call, the Vice Moderator declared the council to be duly constituted, and called upon Miss Winnifred Parkhurst, clerk of First Church, Boxford, for the records of the church. The Church Clerk presented the records, including Rev. Eaton's resignation (to take effect after August 8) in order to assume the office of Associate Minister of Faith Church, Springfield, Mass.; the vote of the Church to accept the resignation; the vote of the Church to request a dismissal council; and the resolutions of the Church concerning Rev. Mr. Eaton's leaving. The records were accepted as satisfactory.

The record of the vote of the Parish to accept Rev. Mr. Eaton's resignation was presented by the Clerk of the Parish, Mrs. Alice Hardy, and was accepted as satisfactory.

Rev. Mr. Eaton spoke of the happiness of his and Mrs. Eaton's stay in Boxford congregation, and the harmony existing between pastor and people. Then he spoke of the educational, young people's, and pastoral responsibilities that would be his as Associate Minister of Faith Church, Springfield.

It was moved, seconded and voted that the council be by itself. Mr. Jones then moved that the council concur with the action of the Church and Parish in regard to Mr. Eaton's resignation. The motion was seconded and voted.

There followed a discussion on the purpose of dismissal councils generally, bearing on the

advisability of requiring a definite statement concerning the relation between the minister and the church at the time of dismissal.

The Moderator appointed Rev. Paul Sheldon, Rev. Milo E. Pearson, and Rev. John L. Yencher as a committee on resolutions.

It was moved that copies of the minutes of the Council be sent to Rev. Mr. Eaton, the First Church and First Parish, Boxford, Massachusetts, the Congregational Library, and that a notice be sent to "Advance". The motion carried.

Rev. Edwin E. Aiken, Jr. suggested the possibility of adjusting the by-laws so that the delegates present at a council constitute a quorum and moved that both this suggestion and the previously mentioned suggestions be referred to the Committee on revision of the by-laws. The motion was seconded and carried.

Rev. Edward A. Jones moved that the Scribe be authorized to issue a letter of transfer of ministerial standing of Rev. Mr. Eaton to the Hampden Association. It was so voted.

The Resolutions Committee brought in the following report:

"In consideration of the resignation of the Reverend Kenneth D. Eaton from the pastorate of the Congregational Church in Boxford, the undersigned, a committee of the Dismissal Council of the Essex South Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers convening at First Church, Boxford,

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Massachusetts August 10, 1943, move the following resolutions:

Resolved: That the Association joins with the Boxford Church in its many expressions of appreciation and affection for the Reverend and Mrs. Eaton as they leave their present pastorate, and that the prayers and best wishes of the Association go with them into their new and larger field of labor

That the Ministers of the Association regard with deep appreciation the loyalty and the hearty cooperation which Rev. Mr. Eaton has shown toward matters of interest to the Association, his regular attendance at Association meetings, and his eager response to all the needs and duties of membership in the Association.

That we have found in Rev. Kenneth O. Eaton the spirit of brotherhood and fellowship which has won him a deep place in our hearts, and we assure him that, though he leaves our Association, he will always remain in our affections.

That we join with the Boxford Church in expression of our regret at the departure of Reverend and Mrs. Eaton and that we assure the Church and Parish of our loyal and sympathetic interest as they face the task of calling a new minister.

Signed . . . Paul E. Sheldon
Milo E. Pearson
John L. Yeaches

The Resolutions were accepted unanimously by the council.

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Rev. Dr. Sheldon moved that a copy of the resolutions be sent by the Scribe to the Faith Church, Springfield, the Scribe of the Hampden Association, and the Salem Evening News. It was so voted.

Rev. Mr. Aiken moved that the council stand dissolved. It was so declared by the Moderator. Following this, the ladies of the Church served refreshments in the chapel and informal fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Perry M. Blankenship
Scribe

A true copy, attest:
Winnifrid C. Parkhurst
Church Clerk.

Old Home Service was held Sunday morning, Aug. 22, when Mr. James Duncan Phillips spoke.

Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill preached ~~Aug.~~ Sept. 5, 1943.

Sunday morning, Sept. 26, 1943, a letter was read requesting letters of recommendation of Rev. & Mrs. Kenneth O. Eaton to fellowship of Faith Congregational Church, Springfield, Mass. The Rules were suspended, and request granted.

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Margaret Howe Perley Music Fund.

"24 Park Ave.
Wakefield, Mass.

Mr. J. Perley Killam,
Bosford, Mass.

My dear Mr. Killam,

Your letter written for the Standing Committee of The First Congregational Church of Bosford, concerning the gift of Five Hundred Dollars which my mother, Mrs. Margaret Howe Perley wished to have given to the church is at hand and I am now sending a check for that amount and indicating as you suggested, that it be given to the Music Fund of the church.

My sister, Mrs. Thoman and I would particularly like to have a part of the money used to purchase as many new hymn books as are needed and to have name plates pasted into each book, to be worded as follows.

This book was presented to
The First Congregational Church
Bosford, Mass.
in memory of
Margaret Howe Perley
who served as organist
in the church for eight years
prior to 1876.
By her daughters
Mrs. Ethel H. P. Tyler
Mrs. Alice C. P. Thoman
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Throughout her life my mother remembered with much pleasure her association with the Boxford church as organist and often recalled the fine choir of those days so she wanted this small gift to be used for the benefit of the church music of to-day.

It occurred to my sister and myself that perhaps once a year, as long as the money lasted, a Vesper Service with especial music might be a pleasing service to have.

When the books are ready please have made two copies for my sister and myself for which we will refund the cost.

Sincerely yours,
(Mrs. S. W.) Ethel H. P. Tyler

Sept. 22, 1943".

$500.00 received by Dea. J. Perley Killam for Standing Committee of First Congregational Church, Boxford, Mass., and deposited in Danvers Savings Bank for "Margaret Howe Perley Music Fund".

Winnifrid C. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk.

On Thanksgiving Sunday, Nov. 21, 1943 this church joined with the West Boxford church in their fitting observance of the 100th. anniversary of the second parish meeting house.

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Sunday noon, Dec. 12, 1943, voted to hire Mr. Thomas Curtis for six months. (Parish concurred Dec. 19, 1943)

Sunday morning, Jan. 2, 1944 a letter from the Glendale Methodist Church of Everett, Mass. recommending Mr. Thomas Curtis to fellowship of this church was read. Voted to suspend the Rules and grant his request. Also Voted to give Mr. Curtis authority to officiate at our Communion Service

Church Membership

Total Church Membership, Jan. 1, 1943		139
Number admitted by letter in 1943,	6	
" removed " " " "	4,	
" " " death " "	1.	
Net gain in membership in 1943		1
Total Church Membership, Jan. 1, 1944		140

56 Absentee-

Winnifrid C. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk

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Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Church was held in the Vestry, Friday evening, January 28, 1944 at 7:30 o'clock, following a supper served by the Carrie L. Bradford Guild. Thirty-four members of the Church and parish were present.

The new Pastor, Mr. Thomas Curtis, was Moderator and opened the meeting with Prayer. Then the records of the preceding Annual Meeting and intervening business were read by the Clerk, Miss Winnifrid C. Parkhurst and approved.

Voted to omit Roll Call.

Letters of resignation of Prof. Franklin C. Roberts from Pastoral Supply Committee and Mrs. Roberts as Deaconess were read by the Clerk and accepted.

The Nominating Committee, Mrs. Stanley B. Hills, Mrs. Franklin C. Roberts and Mrs. Norman Hoogerzeil reported. Ballots were marked and the Tellers, Mr. Milton E. Lord and Mr. Edward J. Holmes declared the following elected

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Treasurer - Mr. Paul L. Killam

Auditor - Mr. Milton E. Lord

Decorating Committee -
(for 3 years) Mrs. Benjamin W. Currier
to serve with
Miss Amy G. Parkhurst, Ch. 1 year.
Mrs. John Hitchcock, 2 years.

Committee for Visiting Sick -
Mrs. F. H. Bond, Mrs. A. C. Waters and Mrs. Raymond Perley.

Deaconess (for 1 yr. to fill Mrs. F. C. Roberts' term) Mrs. Norman Hoogerzeil

Association Delegates -
Mrs. Robert B. Parkhurst and Mrs. Harry F. Moore

Ushers -
Peter Lord, Wescott Merrow, Jr., Richard Millen, John L. Adams, Jr.

Pastoral Supply Committee -
(to fill vacancy caused by resignation, Prof. F. C. Roberts
Mr. Dwight L. Killam

Old Home Service Committee
Mrs. Ralph B. Case, Mr. Dwight L. Killam, Mrs. Vernon Child.

Voted to confirm the choice of Mr. Milton E. Lord by the Church School as Acting Superintendent for 1944.

Voted that the Church, as heretofore, assume all Church School expenses for 1944.

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Reports

The following reports were read, accepted and placed on file.

Church Treasurer and
Helen Stevens Sunday School Fund, Paul L. Killam

Special Church Funds, Dea. T. P. Killam, read by Mrs. R. B. Parkhurst

Auditor, Mr. Milton E. Lord

Ministerial Fund (a Parish fund), Dea John W. Parkhurst

Decorating Committee, Miss Amy G. Parkhurst, Ch.
read by Mrs. Horace Moore.

Woman's Missionary Society, Miss Winnifrid C. Parkhurst, Sec.
read by Mrs. Clarence Brown, Vice Pres.

Ladies Benevolent Society, Mrs. Harry F. Moore, Pres.

Carrie L. Bradford Guild, Mrs. John Ropes, Pres.
Cong. Christian Com. for War Victims & Services, Miss Amy G. Parkhurst, Pres. for our Church
Boy Scouts, Mr. Fred Hardy, Scout Master, old troop
Considerable discussion followed. In the interim between Pastors little Scouting had been done until the Men's Club started up work recently. The Bedford Boy Scout charter in the name of the First Congregational Church expires Feb. 28, 1944, so Mr. Hardy turned over

the Boxford Boy Scouts Bank Book, loose change and Guide Books to the Pastor, Mr. Curtis, moving that "the Church impound the funds until such time as Church can resume Scouting". This and several other motions and amendments were lost. But since the Men's Club is sponsoring a new Troop and nearly all the old Troop are in the U. S. Service, it was

<u>Voted</u> that Church relinquish Boy Scouts to control of Men's Club after Feb. 28, 1944, and the Boy Scout Council's advice be sought regarding the disposition of the Boxford Boy Scouts Bank Book and funds.

Pilgrim Fellowship, Verbal report by Mr. Milton E. Lord.

Sunday School - Sec'y & Treasurer, Mrs. Robert B. Parkhurst.
Acting Superintendent, Mr. Milton E. Lord

Following Mr. Lord's report there was an interesting discussion of Sunday School problems and the hope expressed by the Acting Superintendent that whatever methods are used, better work may be done.

Mr. Paul L. Killam, Church Treas. read a letter from the Mass. Cong. Conference expressing appreciation of the fact that the First Church in Boxford more than meets its apportionment.

A rising <u>Vote</u> of Thanks was given Carrie L. Bradford Guild for serving the supper, and meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M. with Benediction by Pastor. Winnifred C. Parkhurst, Church Clerk.

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On Palm Sunday, April 2, the following names were propounded for church membership: Dorothy Adams, Mary Waters, Sally Waters, Westcott Merrow Jr., Peter Lord, Mr. Milton E. Lord, Mrs. Milton E. Lord.

At Maundy Thursday Communion Service, Apr. 6th. they were admitted to full membership and Easter Sunday received the Right Hand of Fellowship.

Sunday morning, April 16th. a letter of dismissal and recommendation to the Topsfield Cong. Church was granted Ann Kelsey.

At the morning service, May 28th. the Church voted to give the minister authority to perform the service of Baptism.

Children's Sunday fittingly observed June 11th. Frances Butler, Sandra Lee Edwards and Norman MacKenzie Marshall, Jr. were baptized by Mr. Curtis

A special church meeting called at request of the Pastoral Supply Committee was held in the Chapel, June 20, at 8:30 o'clock. The meeting called for 8 o'clock did not open until 8:30, awaiting a quorum. 11 present. Senior Deacon John W. Parkhurst, Moderator.

Mr. Milton E. Lord, Ch. Pastoral Supply Com. reported. Voted to authorize the Pastoral Supply Committee to make arrangements with Rev. Thomas Curtis for pastoral service in the church on basis of full-time

work during the two summer months (at rate of $1500 yr) continuing on student-pastor basis (at rate of $1200. yr.) for remainder of year (July 1, 1944 - July 1, 1945).
And in the interim period to make such arrangements for either permanent or student-pastor, as best for church.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Winnifred C. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk.

June 29. 1944. Mr. Curtis baptized Alice Constance & William Paul Hooker, children of Mr. & Mrs. William P. Hooker, at private service in church.

Copy

Terms of Agreement with Mr. Thomas Curtis.

First Congregational Church, Bolford, Massachusetts

Bolford, June 24, 1944

Dear Mr. Curtis,

At the meetings of the Church and of the Parish on last Tuesday evening, June 20th, the Pastoral Supply Committee reported as follows:

(1) that its inquiries had revealed that the possibility of finding a permanent full-time pastor with the qualities desired for the church and the community did not appear to be any better at the present time than had been the case six months ago;

(2) that its recommendation was therefore that the appointment of the Rev. Thomas Curtis be continued on a term basis from the expiration of the present term on June 30. 1944, as follows:

(over)

(a) from July 1 to September 1, 1944 on a full-time basis at the rate of $1500 per annum, with Mr. Curtis to "find" himself;

(b) if thereafter no possibility for the appointment of a permanent full-time pastor exists — on a part-time basis as student-pastor at the rate of $1200 per annum, with Mr. Curtis to "find" himself

(1) for a term of Sept. 1 – Dec. 31, 1944,

(2) for a term of Jan. 1 – June 30, 1945,

it being understood that the right to renewal of the respective terms on July 1, 1944, September 1, 1944, and January 1, 1945 is vested in the Pastoral Supply Committee.

The Church and the Parish respectively authorized the Pastoral Supply Committee to proceed along the above-mentioned lines, bearing in mind the desire of the community to have at as early a date as possible a permanent full-time pastor for its church.

Every good wish to you!

Yours sincerely,

(signed) Milton E. Lord

Chairman, Pastoral Supply Committee

To the

Reverend Thomas Curtis

Boxford, Massachusetts

A true copy, attest: Winnifred C. Parkhurst, Clerk

MEETINGS OF CHURCH ~~OFFICERS~~.

Old Home Day was observed Sunday morning August 13th. Mr. Milton E. Lord presided and spoke very interestingly of the life and times of our early ministers, Rev. John Rogers, having his table on the text of the only sermon extant. The Pastor and Mrs. Curtis rendered beautiful music for the occasion.

During the service Mr. Curtis baptized Pamela Ellen Gould, infant daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Melvin Gould, Jr.

Sunday morning, Aug. 20th. the name of Lewis Rogerson Haynes was propounded for membership in the church. Sept. 3d. he was admitted to the fellowship of this church.
At the same service a letter from The Old South Church of Boston, Mass. was read recommending his mother Mrs. Anna M. Haynes (Mrs. Winthrop P.) to membership in this church. The rules of the church were suspended and Mrs. Haynes was given the Right Hand of Fellowship by the Pastor, Mr. Curtis.

A series of Sunday evening services was arranged for October when we were privileged to hear four outstanding preachers and scholars from Boston University:- Dr. Ralph W. Decker, Dr. Charles M. McConnell, Dr. Elmer A. Leslie and Dr. Edwin P. Booth.

As customary for many years the 1st. and 2nd. Parishes united for a Thanksgiving Service in this Church Sunday, Nov. 19, with Rev. Milton Sweet of West Bolford the preacher.

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MEETINGS OF CHURCH ~~OFFICERS~~.

Sunday morning, Dec. 31, 1944, the following letters requesting transference of membership from this church were read.
Mrs. Nathan D. Canterbury to Second Presbyterian Church Houston, Texas, and Mr. Lauchlin Mac Lean to Union Congregational Church, Boston, Mass.
These two requests were granted Jan. 7, 1945.

Church Membership

Total membership Jan. 1, 1944			140
Number admitted by letter in 1944,	2	10	
" " " C. F. " "	8		
Removed by death " "	4	5	
" " letter " "	1		
Net gain in membership " "			5
Total Church membership Jan. 1, 1945			145

17 in U. S. Service + 1 Discharged (Purple Heart) = 18 in U.S. Service.
6 Baptisms

Winnifrid C. Parkhurst
Church Clerk

MEETINGS OF CHURCH ~~OFFICERS~~.

The Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Church Bolford, Mass. was held in the Vestry, Friday evening, January 19, 1945 at 7:30 o'clock following a supper served by the Ladies Benevolent Society. 27 members of the church and Parish attended.

The meeting opened with Prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Thomas Curtis.

The Clerk, Miss Winnifrid C. Parkhurst read the minutes of the preceding Annual Meeting and of intervening business and the records were approved.

The resignation of Mrs. S. Arthur Ayers ~~was~~ as Deaconess was read and accepted.

The report of the Nominating Committee,— Mrs. Franklin C. Roberts, Mrs. Harry F. Moore and Mrs. Paul L. Killam was read by the Moderator who called for Nominations from the floor before distribution of prepared typewritten ballots.

The name of Mr. Paul L. Killam was proposed for a Junior Deacon. As Mr. Killam withdrew his name it was voted to leave the choice of a second Junior Deacon in the hands of the Standing Committee.

Mrs. Martha Mortimer (Ed. K.) was nominated for Association Delegate. Mr. Westcott Merrow withdrew his name as a member of the Old Home Service Com and that of Mr. Alexander MacMorran proposed.

Miss Mary A. Herrick and Miss Maud Morrie were appointed Tellers and they reported the following elected. 14 ballots cast.

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MEETINGS OF CHURCH ~~OFFICERS~~.

Officers and Committees for 1945.

Clerk	Miss Winnifrid C. Parkhurst
Treasurer	Mr. Paul L. Killam
Auditor	Mr. Milton E. Lord
Deacons for term 5 years	Mr. John W. Parkhurst Mr. Robert B. Parkhurst
Junior Deacons for 2 years	Mr. Robert Perley Parkhurst
Deaconesses for 2 years	Mrs. Harry F. Moore Mrs. Franklin C. Roberts
Association Delegates	Miss Amy B. Parkhurst Mrs. Martha Mortimer (E.R.)
Decorating Committee for 3 yrs. to serve with	Mrs. Vernon Childs Mrs. John Hitchcock, Ch. 1 yr Mrs. Benjamin W. Currier, 2 yrs
Committee for Visiting Sick	Mrs. Albert C. Waters Mrs. F. H. Bond Mr. Raymond Perley
Old Home Service Committee	Prof. Franklin C. Roberts, Ch. Miss Esther K. Perley Mrs. Fred Hardy Mrs. Winthrop R. Haynes Mrs. Alexander Mc Morran
Ushers	Wescott M. Merrow John L. Adams Jr. Billie Walsh Dwight Killam Jr.

Voted to confirm the choice by the Church School of Mrs. Stanley B. Hills as Superintendent for 1945.

Voted to assume all expenses of the Church School for 1945

MEETINGS OF CHURCH ~~OFFICERS~~.

Reports

Carrie L. Bradford Guild, Sec'y Mrs. Leo Richardson read by Pres. Mrs. John Ropes. Accepted.

Pilgrim Fellowship, by Pres., John L. Adams Jr. Accepted

Pastor, Rev. Thomas Curtis gave an interesting report of his work the past year. He recommended that all women of the church be closer associated and that the three organizations have at least four programs together each year and become better acquainted with work of different organizations. He also recommended a Church Council with a representative of each group meeting with Standing Committee each month to talk over things. Mr. Curtis' report acep.

Greetings to Pastor and Church from Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth A. Eaton & little son were read by Mr. Curtis.

Church Treasurer, Mr. Paul L. Killam, accepted

Special Funds, Treas. Dea. T. P. Killam, read by Clerk & Helen Lorence Sunday School Fund. accepted.

Auditor pro tem. Miss Maud Norris. accepted.

Decorating Committee, Ch. Miss Amy G. Parkhurst. read by Clerk and accepted.

Ladies Missionary Society, Pres. Winnifred C. Parkhurst. accepted

Ladies Benevolent Society, Treas. Mrs. Walter Hersch, "

Sunday School Supt. Mrs. Stanley B. Hills, read by Martha Curtis, "

Sunday School Sec'y & Treas., Mrs. Robert B. Parkhurst, read by Mrs. Norman Hoogerzeil & accepted

A lengthy discussion of Sunday School matters with numerous suggestions was carried on in an attempt to find a permanent S. S. Superintendent.

A plan is under way to send some young people for S. School

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MEETINGS OF CHURCH ~~OFFICERS~~.

training next summer, preparatory to definite teaching positions in the Church School.

Voted to send $50.- from the Church Treasury to the Unit Plan, Annuity Fund for Congregational Ministers, 287 Fourth Ave., New York 10.

Voted that there be organized a Committee of representatives from each church and parish organization to meet monthly with Standing Committee.

Voted that Clerk be instructed to send a note of appreciation to Mrs. William E. MacPherson for wonderful work she has done with Junior Choir and as Organist.

Voted to send Dr. Stephen Maddock a note of appreciation for his work as substitute Organist. Voted to leave matter of any gift for Mrs. MacPherson to Music Committee.

A rising Vote of Thanks was given the Supper Committee.

Adjourned at 9:59 P. M., with Benediction by the Pastor.

Winnifrid C. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk

Sun. morning, Feb. 18, 1945 - a letter was read from Chaplin Grover Gordon of France, recommending Corp. Ralph Blaisdell to membership in this Church. Corp. Blaisdell being in U.S. Service somewhere in France had been baptized by Chaplin Gordon recently. Feb. 25th. Corp. Ralph Blaisdell was accepted as member of church and a V Mail Certificate mailed at once. (Continued Page 239)

1938. (See page 161)

1938- BUSINESS MEETINGS OF CHURCH.

The Annual Church Meeting held. Wed. Jan. (19) 1938.
For minutes, reports, records etc. see file marked. 1937. #7 #6
(See pg. 238 previous Record Book)
1939- Annual Church Meeting held Thurs. Jan. 26, 1939 (See pg. 241 " " #7)
1939. By a unaminous vote on Sunday morning Apr. 16, 1939. It was:
Moved that whereas Rev. Emery L. Bradford resigned as pastor of this Church in 1925, and at a subsequent meeting of the Church, it was voted to make him Pastor Emeritus: and as no record was made of it, the Church wishing to confirm the action taken at that time, hereby authorize and instruct their clerk to enter the same on the Church record's. Robert B. Parkhurst. clerk.
(See Church record, page 174, Book 7.)
Action had previously been taken in 1925)

On Sunday Sept. 10. 1939. Dr. R. E. Wolfe read his resignation. See letter on Page 161. & on file
After church a Church Meeting was held and it was voted to grant Dr. Wolfe's request. A Committee on resolutions, was appointed Mrs. Annette Sawyer Manny. and Prof Franklin C. Roberts. {See pg. 162 for Resolutions
At this time a Pastoral Supply Committe was appointed {See pg. 161 for Resignation Dr. Wolfe

Deacon J. W. Parkhurst.
" J. Perley Killam
Mrs. R. B. Parkhurst.
} To represent the Church.

Mr. Paul L. Killam.
Mrs. Marion Waters
} Elected to represent the Parish.

Also Elected to confer with the Church and Parish Comm. were
Prof F. C. Roberts.
Mr. Romney Spring.
Mr. Ralph B. Case.
Mr. Vernon A. Childs
} to represent the Community.

1939

BUSINESS MEETINGS OF CHURCH.

1939

On Sunday September 17. 1939. Dr. P. E. Wolfe gave his farewell Sermon followed by Communion Service, assisted by Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Emery L. Bradford, and at which time the Resolutions by the Resolutions Committee were read and passed by the Church to be placed on file (See pg. 162 for Resolutions) Robert B. Parkhurst, clerk.

Meeting of the Church. Thursday November 23. 1939. 7-45 P.M. Senior Deacon J. W. Parkhurst in the Chair. Meeting opened by Prayer by Pastor emeritus Rev. Emery L. Bradford.

A motion was made by Paul L. Allan to extend a Call to Keith F. Eaton to become Pastor of our Church.

A unanimous vote was passed to extend this Call to Mr. Eaton.

A motion to adjourn was passed: Closed at 8-10 PM.

Robert B. Parkhurst Clerk.

After a meeting of the Parish, Dec. 5, 1939. where they unanimously voted to concur with the Church in the Call to Mr. Eaton, word was sent to Mr. Eaton. (See pg 164 for Mr. Eaton's Call)

Mr. Eatons letter of acceptance was read on Sunday Dec. 17 & this letter placed on file. Robert B. Parkhurst. Clerk.

(See pg. 165 for Mr. Eaton's Acceptance)

(See page 161 for following records)

(See pg. 236)

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New hymnals "In memory of Mrs. Margaret Howe Perley" were used for first time. Sunday, March 4, 1945.

Sunday morning, May 13, the following Resolutions were adopted by the Church and a copy sent to the family.

Resolutions

Deacon Thomas Perley Killam passed into the great beyond on April 14, 1945, almost an octogenarian, revered in church and town. A quiet, unassuming man, he was known for his integrity and devotion to whatever he undertook.

For forty-seven years he was deacon in the First Church of Bolford, being also custodian of its Special Church Funds, and he also served his church in other capacities.

The town of Bolford retained Deacon Killam as treasurer for twenty-two years in a service which has contributed to the enviable financial standing of this municipality.

Deacon Killam has now joined that innumerable company of godly souls who have devotedly labored for and supported this church. We shall miss his kindly presence, but we know that he with these others attends us in spirit.

As Lowell wrote of a friend, we can say, -

'Therefore I cannot think thee wholly gone;
The better part of thee is with us still.

. . . . . .

Thou livest in the life of all good things.

. . . . . .

And often, from that other world, on this

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Some gleams from great souls gone before may shine,
To shed on struggling hearts a clearer bliss,
And clothe the Right with lustre more divine."

(Signed) C. Maud Norris, Ch.
Mary A. Herrick
Bertha Palmer Lane

Copy

Bolford, May 31, 1945.

We a majority of the Standing Committee of the First Congregational Church of Bolford, Mass. hereby appoint Deacon Robert B. Parkhurst, Treasurer of the Special Funds held by said Church, to succeed Deacon J. Perley Killam who died April 14, 1945.

Thomas Curtis, Pastor
John W. Parkhurst
} Standing Committee of First Congregational Church of Bolford, Mass.

The following children were christened Children's Sunday, June 10th. —
Ellen McCracken Gillis, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Harold E. Gillis.
William Charles Meeker, son of Mr. & Mrs. Norman W. Meeker.
John William Noyes, son of Mr. & Mrs. Alveron E. Noyes, and
Anne Dunleigh Roberts, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Franklin C. Roberts, Jr.

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Summer Services were —

Old Home Sunday, Aug. 12, with Prof. F. C. Roberts, speaker & special music by Bedford Bell Ringers and Young Peoples Chorus.

Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill preached Aug. 26th.

And on V. J. Day, Sept. 2, 1945, a candle-light evening Communion Service was conducted by the Pastor, in special observance of that day.

Sunday morning, Sept. 9, the following names were propounded for membership, and the next Sunday, Sept. 16, were accepted on confession of faith.

Janeta Millen, Richard Millen, Chester Horace Killam, Dwight Killam, Jr., and William R. Walsh, Jr.

Mr. Warren Godfrey by letter from the South Congregational Church of Peabody; Mrs. Elsie Armstrong Godfrey by letter from Maple St. Church of Danvers; Miss Anne Kelsey by letter from Congregational Church of Topsfield; Mr. Norman Meeker and Mrs. Mary Meeker by letter from the College Avenue Methodist Church of Somerville, Mass.

All ten were given the Right Hand of Fellowship by the Pastor.

Union Thanksgiving Service at West Boxford Church, (2d. Cong.) Sun., Nov. 19, 1945. Music furnished by Mrs. Thomas Curtis, Soloist, and Junior Choir (1st. Cong.) with sermon by Mr. Curtis.

Statistics

Total Membership, Jan. 1, 1945.		145
Added by letter	5	
" " Confession Faith	6	11
		156
Removed by death	2	
" " letter	2	4
Jan. 1, 1946. Total,		152 members.

Minnie C. Parkhurst.
Church Clerk.

1946.

BUSINESS MEETINGS OF CHURCH.

The Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Church of Bofford, Mass. was held in the Vestry, Tuesday evening, Jan. 22, 1946, at 7:30 o'clock, preceded by a very good supper served by members of the Carrie L. Bradford Guild. 43 members of the Church and Parish were present. Roll Call omitted.

Rev. Thomas Curtis, Moderator, opened meeting with Prayer.

The Clerk, Miss Winnifrid C. Parkhurst read the minutes of the last annual meeting and of intervening business.

The Pastor's report was an interesting resumé of his duties the past year as preacher, pastor and leader of Pilgrim Fellowship. He spoke of the organizational life of the church and urged that as Congregationalists the affairs of the institution be conducted on a more democratic basis.

He recommended an amendment to the By-Laws providing for a Church Council.

He also proposed that some method be devised to raise the quota of $1500. for three years for the Post War Emergency Fund for War Victims and Reconstruction, as well as that desired yearly for the Unit Plan. Mr. Curtis closed his report by saying "A Christian World depends on a Christian Bofford".

This report was accepted.

Then Dea. John W. Parkhurst acted as Moderator while the Pastor read and explained the proposed provision for a Church Council which the church voted to adopt.

(Amendment follows)

BUSINESS MEETINGS OF CHURCH.

(See page 190a) VI Church Council.

There shall be a Council of the Church to meet monthly for the following purposes:

1. To consider ways and means of carrying out Church policy as determined at the Annual Meeting.
2. To advise and encourage the teachers and officers of the Sunday School in the work of Christian education, and the minister in the more effective performance of his duties.
3. To discuss the affairs of the Church in its relations with the Essex South Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers and with the Massachusetts Congregational Conference and Missionary Society.
4. To supervise the Church budget and to approve for payment bills legitimately incurred by the Church or its agents.
5. To serve as a means of official communication and cooperation between the various organizations of the Church.

The Council Membership shall include: the Minister; the Deacons, Junior Deacons, and Deaconesses; the Clerk of the Church; the Treasurer of the Church; the Superintendent of the Sunday School; the Presidents of the Ladies' Benevolent Society, the Carrie L. Bradford Guild, the Women's Missionary Society, and the Pilgrim Fellowship. The Minister shall act as Chairman (in his absence, one of the Deacons), and the Clerk of the Church as Secretary. (Cont.)

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(Church Council By-Law continued from page 243)

The Clerk of the Church shall communicate with the Moderator of the Parish, asking that that body delegate three of its members (including the Chairman of the Parish Committee and the Chairman of the Finance Committee) to hold full voting membership on the Council and to assist in clarifying and consolidating the policies of Church and Parish.

Reports

Nominating Committee, William R. Walsh, Ch., Mrs. Edward K. Smith, Mortimer and Miss Esther K. Perley.
Tellers appointed were Mr. & Mrs. Charles L. Cotton.

Church Treasurer, Mr. Paul L. Killam

Special Funds Treasurer, Mr. Robert B. Parkhurst

Special Treasurer for War Victims and Reconstruction Fund of Congregational Christian Churches, Miss Amy G. Parkhurst read by Miss Esther K. Perley

Auditor, Mr. Milton E. Lord.

Decorating Committee, verbal report Mrs. John Hitchcock

Missionary Society, Winnifred C. Parkhurst, President

Ladies Benevolent Society, Mrs. Walter French, Treasurer

Carrie L. Bradford Guild, Miss Laurinda Parkhurst, Sec'y

Sunday School, Miss Coralie Childs, Sec'y & Treasurer, read by Mrs. Hesterett Merrow, Supt.

Pilgrim Fellowship, verbal report by leader, Rev. Thomas Curtis

All reports were accepted.

Tellers reported 31 ballots cast and the following officers and Committee Members were declared elected,

BUSINESS MEETINGS OF CHURCH.

Officers and Committee Members.

Clerk.	Miss Winnifrid C. Parkhurst
Treasurer	Mr. Stanley B. Hills
Auditor	Mr. Milton E. Lord
Deacon for 5 years	Mr. Paul L. Killam
Junior Deacon for 2 years	Mr. David S. Waters
Association Delegates	Miss Amy G. Parkhurst and Mrs. Edward K. Mortimer
Decorating Committee for 3 years	Mrs. Milton E. Lord
Decorating Committee for 1 year	Mrs. Raymond Dodge to serve with Mrs. Vernon Childs. 2 years
Committee for Visiting Sick.	Mrs. Henry Von Kamecke Mrs. John Hitchcock Mr. Norman Hoogerzeil
Old Home Service Committee	Mr. Alexander Mc Morran Miss Margaret Lane Mrs. Winthrop P. Haynes Mr. Warren Godfrey Prof. Franklin C. Roberts
Ushers.	Mr. Dwight L. Killam, Jr. Mr. William R. Walsh, Jr. Mr. Westcott M. Merrow Mr. Harlan P. Kelsey, 3.

Voted to confirm the choice by the Church School of Mrs. Westcott B. Merrow as Superintendent for 1946.

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BUSINESS MEETINGS OF CHURCH.

Voted to assume all expenses of the Church School for 1946.

On the basis of present information, and without expressing a final judgment, voted that this Church favors f continued study of the proposed union of the Congregational Christian Church and the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Voted to accept participation in the Post War Emergency Fund for War Victims and Reconstruction, and that the means of raising the quota assigned the Church be left to the Church Council.

A vote of thanks was given the Carried. Bradford Guild for good supper served.

Voted to leave matter of gift to Unit Plan, to Church Council for further study and recommendation to church later.

Voted that Church go on record as opposed to pari mutual betting at Topsfield fair, and use its influence to stop it.

Adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

Winnifrid C. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk.

Robert Preble Hoogerzeil, son of Mr. + Mrs. Norman P. Hoogerzeil was baptized by Rev. Thomas Curtis, Sunday morning, Feb. 10, 1946.

~~OTHER RECORDS OF INTEREST.~~

Sunday morning, April 14, the following names were propounded for membership:-

By Confession of Faith: Mr. Charles Edwards, Mrs. John S. Ropes, Mrs. David S. Waters.

By letter:

Mrs. Westcott ~~M.~~ B. Merrow, Trinity Methodist, Cambridge, Mass.
Mr. Westcott ~~M.~~ B. Merrow, Old Baptist Church, Cambridge, Mass.
Mr. + Mrs. Charles Cotton, 1st. Congregational Church, Wakefield, "
Mrs. Charles Edwards, Tremont Temple Baptist Church, Boston, "
~~Mr. Charles Edwards, Highlands Baptist Church, Springfield,~~ "
Mr. John S. Ropes, First Unitarian Church, Salem, "
Mrs. Harlan Kelsey, Jr., Lakeside Presbyterian, Duluth, Minn.
Mrs. Franklin C. Roberts, Jr., Mystic Side Cong. Ch., Everett, Mass.

All were admitted to membership of the Church on Easter Sunday, April 21, 1946.

Susan Jean Nelson, little daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Nelson was baptized by Mr. Curtis, Sunday morning, May ~~4~~ 5, 1946.

Sunday morning, May 26, Mr. Curtis announced that he had accepted a call to the Washington Cong. Church, Toledo, Ohio, as Assistant Pastor and Minister of Music, beginning Sept. 1st. He also expressed a desire to be ordained in this church.

At a special meeting of the Church following the morning service, it was voted to ask the Essex So. Assn of Churches and Ministers to make the necessary arrangements to ordain Mr. Curtis at the earliest convenience.

Voted to leave the matter of Ordination plans here in the hands of the Standing Committee.

Voted to ask same Pastoral Supply Com. to continue its work

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~~OTHER RECORDS OF INTEREST.~~

Voted to pay 7¢ per member to help defray the church's share of expense to send a lay delegate from this Unit (Danvers, Topsfield and Boxford churches) to the General Council of Congregational Churches at Grinnell, Iowa in June.

Winnifrid C. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk.

Copy

Essex South Association
of
Congregational Christian Churches and Ministers.

Dear Fellow-Member of Essex South:

Since the First Congregational Church of Boxford desires the ordination of its pastor, Mr. Thomas Curtis, and has requested that an Associational Council be called for this purpose, you are therefore invited to be present by pastor and delegate at such a Council, hereby called to meet at the above named Church on Thursday, June 13, 1946 at 3:00 P.M., which shall review the proceedings and make necessary examinations. If the result be favorable, the public service of ordination will be held on Sunday, June 30, at 7:30 P.M.

Wishing you the faith, hope, and charity of the Christian Gospel, I am, on behalf of the Churches of the Association,

Sincerely,
Leonard J. Kramer,
Secretary.

Swampscott, Massachusetts,
May 30, 1946

~~OTHER RECORDS OF INTEREST.~~

On Children's Sunday, June 9, 1946 the following babies were baptized by Mr. Curtis: —

Peter Newell Cross, son of Mr. & Mrs. Chester E. Cross.
Sandra Lee Cranford, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frank G. Cranford
Susan Helen Eaton, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Forest G. Eaton.
Janice Gray, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Norman Gray.

~~Copy~~

Essex South Association of Congregational Christian Churches and Ministers

Ordination Proceedings for Mr. Thomas Curtis, Bolford, Mass.

An Associational Council was called on June 13. 1946, at the First Congregational Church in Bolford, Mass. to consider Thomas Curtis as a candidate for ordination.

Fifteen churches of the Association were present at the roll call. After the reading of the letter missive by the Scribe, the Moderator, the Rev. Kenneth Beckwith, declared the council duly constituted and called upon the Rev. Dr. Milo Pearson for the opening prayer.

The church clerk, Miss Winnifrid C. Parkhurst, gave the records of the church, which indicated, among other things, that Mr. Curtis had joined the church on January 2. 1944.

When the Moderator called upon Mr. Curtis for his credentials he presented the following:

1) membership in the Bolford church;
2) A.B. degree from the U. of Michigan, 1939;
3) B.S.T. from Boston U., 1945

All these were voted as satisfactory

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~~OTHER RECORDS OF INTEREST.~~

The Rev. Edward A. Jones, as a member of the Essex South committee on ministerial standing, gave a survey of its relationship with Mr. Curtis and concluded by recommending him for ordination.

Mr. Curtis then presented a paper giving his religious background, reasons for entering the ministry, and his thoughts on essential points of Christian doctrine. During the examination of the candidate by direct questions from the delegates, Mr. Curtis exhibited a disarming frankness, the depth of his sincerity, and penetration of his thought.

The council, having voted to be in closed session, reviewed the question of Mr. Curtis' fitness for ordination. It was unanimously voted that Mr. Curtis exhibited splendid capacities for a useful ministry and that the council proceed with the Boxford church to the service of ordination, set for June 30th. at 7:30 P.M.

The Rev. Edward A. Jones and the Rev. John R. deSousa were appointed by the Moderator to assist Mr. Curtis in the preparation of the service of ordination.

The Scribe was authorized to complete these minutes and to send copies to the proper parties, after which it was voted that the council recess until the occasion of ordination, after which the council be formally dissolved.

Leonard J. Kramer.
Scribe

~~OTHER RECORDS OF INTEREST.~~

Copy

A Service of Ordination for
Thomas Curtis
Conducted by
The Essex South Association of
Congregational Churches and Ministers
First Congregational Church
Boxford, Massachusetts
Sunday evening, June 30, 1946, at 7:30

An Organ Prelude — Mr. Killam
The Call to Worship
The Processional Hymn No. 289:
"A Mighty Fortress is our God."
The Invocation — Mr. MacIntosh
Silent Prayer
The Lord's Prayer (Choral Response)
The Old Testament Lesson
Isaiah XL. 1-6, 8-11, 27-31. — Mr. Prince
The New Testament Lesson — Mr. de Sousa
Matthew vii. 7-14, 21-29.
An Anthem, "Sanctus" – Gounod — The Choir
The Sermon
Hymn No. 374:
"Heralds of Christ, Who Bear the King's Commands".
The Office of Ordination — Mr. Beckwith presiding
The Report of the Council — Dr. Kramer
A Charge to the Minister — Mr. Jones

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~~OTHER RECORDS OF INTEREST.~~

The Vows of Ordination

Do you believe in your heart that you are truly called to the Ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

I do so believe.

Are you persuaded that the Holy Scriptures contain the truth necessary for the salvation of the world through faith in Jesus Christ?

I am so persuaded.

Will you give yourself heartily to such studies and devotions and to such a course of life as may increase your knowledge of truth as it is in Jesus and your power to teach the same plainly and persuasively.

I will endeavor so to do by the help of the Lord

Will you give your faithful diligence to minister the doctrine of Christ and the Sacraments of the Church, and in the spirit of Jesus to defend the same against all hostile teaching?

I will do so by the help of God.

Will you maintain and set forward, as much as in you lies, quietness, peace, and love among all people, and especially among them that are or shall be committed to your charge?

I will do so, the Lord being my helper.

The Prayer of Ordination — Mr. Denning

(Choral Response)

The Declaration by the Moderator

A Solo "I will Lift up Mine Eyes" — Mrs. Curtis — Mrs. MacDermid

~~OTHER RECORDS OF INTEREST.~~

The Right Hand of Fellowship — Mr. Goodwin
A Charge to the People — Dr. Burnett
The Recessional Hymn No. 391:
"The Church's One Foundation"
The Benediction — Mr. Curtis
An Organ Postlude — Mrs. MacPherson

On Sunday morning, July 7, 1946, the infant daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Thomas Curtis, Susan Dunseith Curtis was baptized by Dr. Edwin P. Booth.

Sunday, Aug. 4th. the following names were propounded for membership: – Mrs. Lester Abbott, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Archibald L. Trull, and Marjorie Walsh.

A <u>special Church meeting</u> was held in the Chapel on Weds. eve., Aug. 7. Rev. Thomas Curtis, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:35 with prayer.

The following were voted into the church membership:
Mr. Archibald L. Trull, from Tabernacle Cong. Church, Salem, Mass.
Mrs. Archibald L. Trull, from the Episcopal Church.
Marjorie Walsh on Confession of Faith.

All received the Right Hand of Fellowship, Sun. Aug. 11, 1946.

This special meeting had been called for the purpose of choosing three members of the Church to act with two members of the Parish, on a joint committee, to meet the Executive Committee of the West Bedford Church regarding a proposed joint pastorate. The situation was reviewed, with some discussion as to whether or not West Bedford now

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wished any committee to negotiate with its Executive Committee since that church had voted to try to secure a pastor of its own.

However, to be prepared, should occasion arise, it was voted to elect a ~~the following~~ committee of three by ballot, and the following were chosen:-

Mrs. Norman Hoogerzeil
Miss Winnifrid C. Parkhurst
Mr. Warren Godfrey
} from the Church

to serve with

Mr. Westcott B. Merrow
Mr. Archibald L. Trull
} from the Parish

It was voted that meanwhile the Pastoral Supply Committee should go ahead and see what could be done toward securing a pastor for this church.

At this time Mr. Curtis called upon Dea. John H. Parkhurst to preside, so that as retiring pastor he might give his opinion regarding the proposed joint pastorate which he "strongly opposed."

Meeting dissolved at 8:10 P.M.

Winnifrid C. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk.

Mr. Curtis preached his last sermon as pastor of the Church Sun. ~~July~~ Aug. 11, 1946, leaving to assume his new duties as Assistant Pastor and Minister of Music at Washington Congregational Church, Toledo, Ohio, Sept. 1, 1946

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On Sunday, Sept. 15, 1946 Rev. Thomas Curtis was given a letter of dismission and recommendation to the fellowship of the Washington Congregational Church Toledo, Ohio.

Winnifrid C. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk.

Old Home Sunday was observed July 28, 1946, with a former pastor Rev. Frederick B. Noss of Andover, Mass guest speaker. Special music was in charge of Rev. & Mrs. Thomas Curtis.

The Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill preached Sunday, Aug. 18th., about a month before his election as Presiding Bishop of Episcopal Church in America.

Winnifrid C. Parkhurst,
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59. CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Elm Street, organized ~~1697~~ 1702, as the First Congregational Church. Second Meeting House built 1742. Present building dedicated 1838. Bell donated by General Solomon Lowe, 1840. ~~Entries (b(, (g), (h), at residence of Chester Killam, Haverhill Road.~~

(a) (BAPTISMS, BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, MEMBERSHIP), 1702-- 4 vols. 2 vols., 1834--, contain financial records. 3 vols., 1702-1912, vault, Selectmen's Room, T. H.; ~~1 vol., 1912--, residence of Chester Killam, Haverhill Road.~~

(b) (FINANCIAL RECORDS), 1834--. ~~See entry (a).~~

(c) (HISTORY OF BOXFORD), 1880. Written and published by Sidney Perley.

(d) (HISTORY OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BOXFORD, 1697-1915), Marry Ellen Parley. (Ms) ~~Residence of Mrs. L. T. Brackett, 11 Fearless Avenue, Lynn.~~ Essex Institute Salem, Mass.

(e) LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, 1852--. 4 vols. Residence of Mrs. ~~L. T.~~ Parkhurst (Secretary), ~~Main Street.~~ Mrs. Stanley Hills & Town Hall Vault

(f) MINUTE BOOKS, 1838--. 4 vols. 3 vols., 1838-1912, vault, Selectmen's Room, T. H.; 1 vol., ~~1912--, residence of Chester Killam, Haverhill Road.~~

~~(g) (PROPRIETORS RECORDS)~~, 1837-1930. 1 vol. Town Hall Vault

(h) (TRUST FUNDS), 1869-86. 1 vol. Residence Treas. Robert B. Parkhurst.